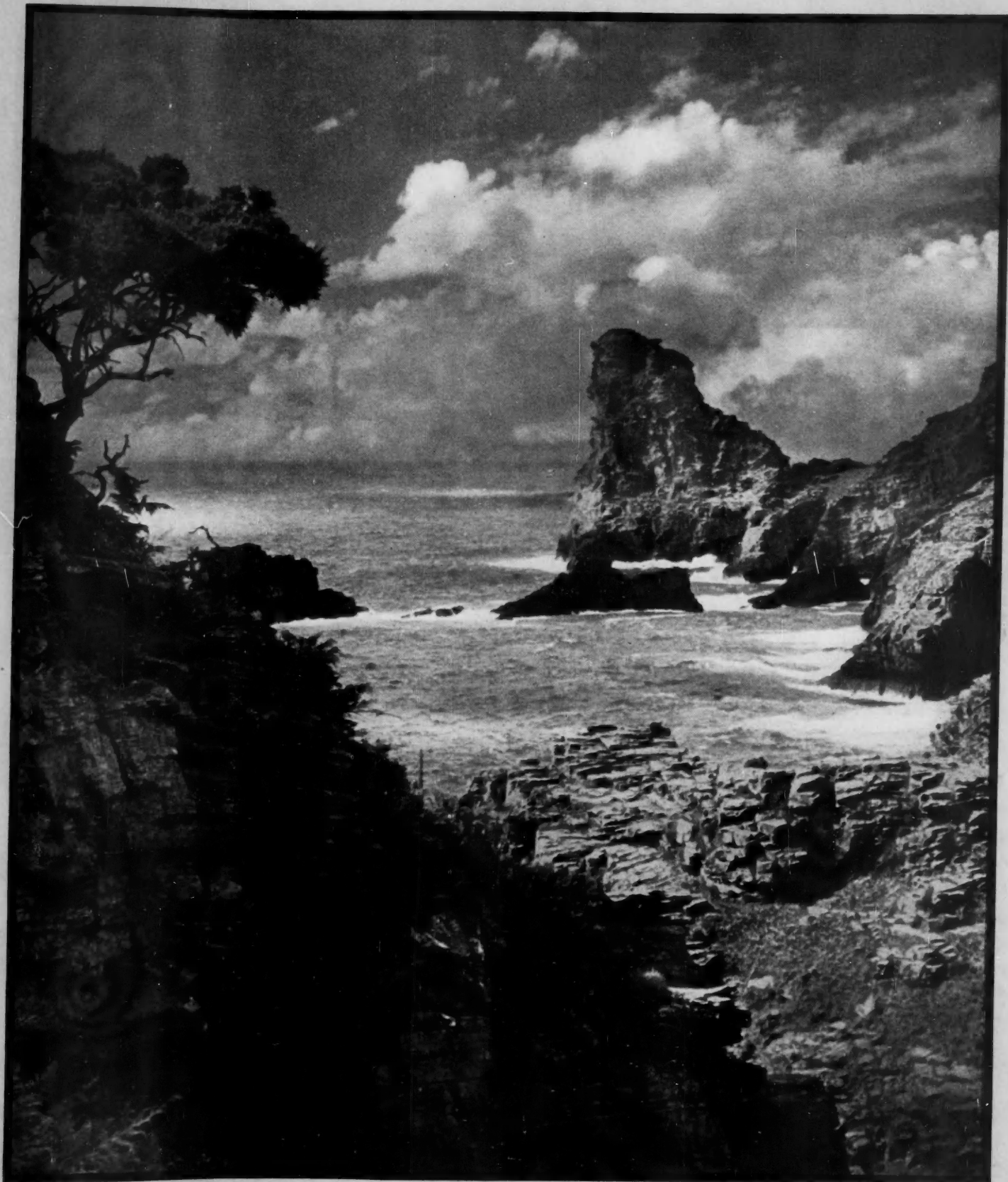


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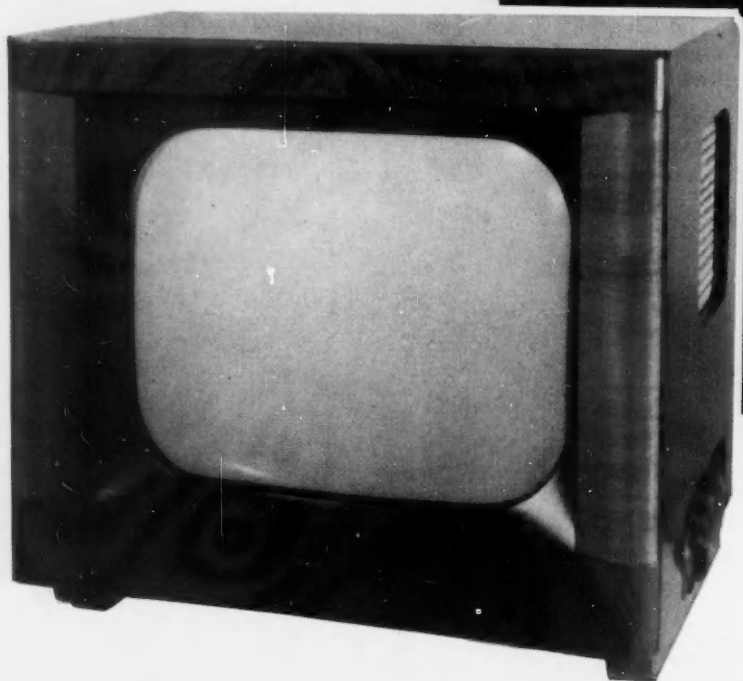
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VERY ATTRACTIVE ARCHITECT-BUILT HOUSE FOR SALE WITH 25 OR 82 ACRES

The modern residence, built of stone and brick, all on 2 floors, is in first-class order and occupies a choice situation facing south and west.



Panelled hall, 4 reception rooms, 9 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms (2 suites), model offices, kitchen with Aga. Staff sitting room.

Main electricity, power and water. Central heating.

Garage with cottage over.

The inexpensive gardens have some fine trees, grass and walled terrace to lake of about 3 acres. Hard tennis court, fruit and vegetable garden, parkland and woodland.

IN ALL 25 ACRES

Lodge and bothy, with bathrooms.



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£9,750 WITH ABOUT 28 ACRES

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For Sale by Auction in lots in September (unless previously sold)



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NITON HOUSE

situated in the most attractive part of the village and containing: hall, 3 reception rooms, cloakroom, kitchen, scullery, 3 bedrooms, dressing room and 2 good attic bedrooms and a bathroom.

Main services connected.
Delightful walled garden.

2 GARAGES

ABOUT 1/2 ACRE FREEHOLD

Vacant Possession.

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IN ALL 4 1/2 ACRES



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NURSERIES
STAFF ROOMS
5 BATHROOMS
4 RECEPTION ROOMS

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Central heating.

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Stream with fishing.



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3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, bathroom. Main electricity. Private water supply.
Dry boathouse.
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Attractive gardens and grounds.
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IN ALL ABOUT 2 ACRES

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ADJACENT TO VILLAGE. BEDFORD 11 MILES

THE 15th-CENTURY BRICK-BUILT HOUSE occupies a delightful and secluded situation facing south and is approached by a drive.



Hall, 3 well-proportioned reception rooms, 7 bed and dressing rooms (3 with basins), 2 bathrooms, kitchen with Aga. Main electricity and power. Unfailing water supply (main available).
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COTTAGE WITH 5 ROOMS.
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ALL MAIN SERVICES
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Main water and electricity. Garage.

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Barn and useful out-buildings.

Charming gardens, kitchen garden, grass and woodland.

ABOUT 21 ACRES

Vacant possession of the house, bungalow and about 3 ACRES.



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Grain dryer with automatic handling and storage.

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HOLLIN HOUSE, COURT ROAD

A unique Property of character and great charm.

Built of old oak, brick and stone and contains 3 reception rooms, 5 principal, 2 secondary bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, good domestic offices.

2 GARAGES

Grounds of

ABOUT 1 1/4 ACRES



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Stone built and tiled.



Beautifully modernised and containing a wealth of old oak & period characteristics.

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bedrooms and bathroom.

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3 EXCELLENT

COTTAGES, GARAGE

with flat. BOAT HOUSE.

Range of

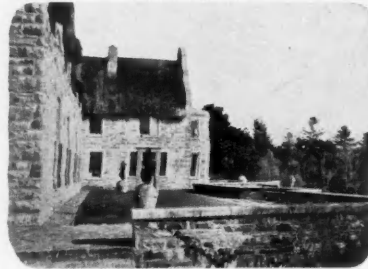
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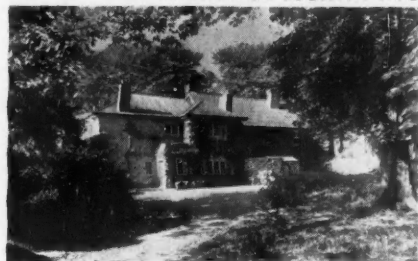
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CENTRAL HEATING

All in perfect order.

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with orchard.

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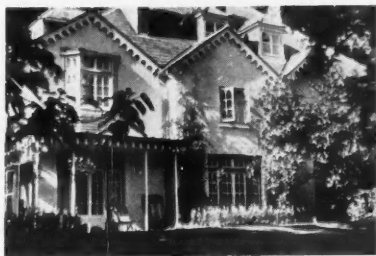
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Large garage.

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In a high and healthy position adjoining Green Belt woodlands.

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DOMESTIC OFFICES, 5
BEDROOMS, DRESSING
ROOM, BATHROOM.

GARAGE AND
OUTBUILDINGS.

Delightful garden and
grounds of about

1¼ ACRES

FREEHOLD. VACANT POSSESSION

For Sale by Public Auction (unless previously sold by private treaty) at
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Charming gardens and grounds, **33 ACRES**

ALL IN PERFECT ORDER

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2 garages. Stabling.

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A FINE MODERNISED PERIOD RESIDENCE WITH AN EXCELLENT HOME FARM



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Main electricity and water.

Attractive garden.

COTTAGE

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The land is in good heart and extends to **ABOUT 95 ACRES**

Vacant Possession of the whole.

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Bee House Cottage, Bolney.

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Main electricity and water.

Partial central heating.

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TIMBER BUNGALOW with bedroom, bathroom and living room. Delightful gardens, well stocked and extending to about 1/2 ACRE



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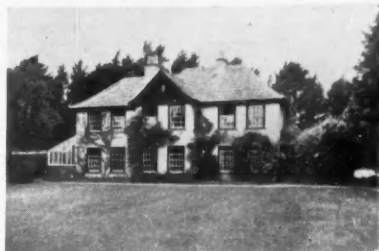
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, cloakroom, kitchen and offices.

GARAGE

Main services.

Pleasant garden and adjoining paddock

4 ACRES



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7 bedrooms (fitted basins and wardrobes), 4 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, ultra-modern kitchen and staff sitting room.

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Lovely grounds of 3 1/2 ACRES easily maintained with a number of specimen trees, herbaceous borders, rose gardens, etc.

Full size tennis lawn. Paddock. GOOD RANGE TIMBER AND TILED OUTBUILDINGS INCLUDING LARGE GARAGE FOR 2 CARS, with C.H. Rad. and inspection, pit and storage loft over.

All main services.

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MAIN ELECTRICITY.
GOOD WATER SUPPLY.

COTTAGE.

GARAGE FOR 2.

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CHARMING GARDENS AND GROUNDS.

IN ALL ABOUT
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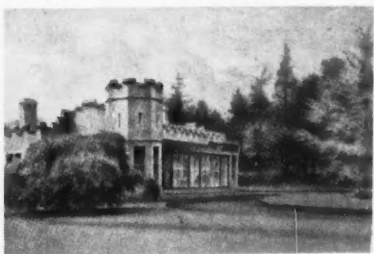
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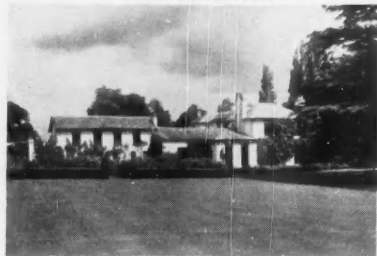
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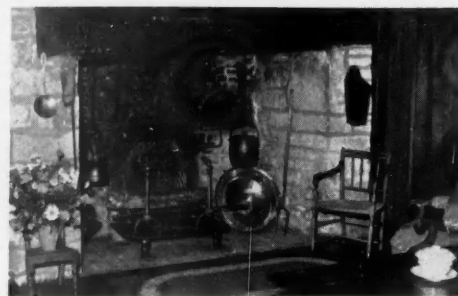
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CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

THE development of agricultural research in this country, like a great many other things, has been largely haphazard. Lawes began it at Rothamsted more than a century ago, without any help from the Government, and, though not on such a grand scale, many others have since then started experimental stations to deal with aspects of agriculture, fruit-growing and cider-making for instance, in which they were particularly interested. The Development Act gave the Government more than one finger in the pie and by 1930 there were a dozen institutions receiving grants from the Development Fund. Co-ordination of research was alleged to be necessary, and the Agricultural Research Council—a distinguished body of scientists, though no more distinguished, it may be said, than the Governors of Rothamsted—took up the duty of co-ordinating it. They appear, judging by the evidence given before the Select Committee on Estimates (whose report on Agricultural Research appeared last week), to have performed their task with tact and discretion, and if the institutions to which State aid is granted have to be brought more closely under unified control it is obvious that those concerned would vastly prefer the flexible rule of the Council to the rigid bureaucracy of the Government departments concerned.

The enquiry arose out of a previous investigation by the Select Committee into the general disposal of Government grants in aid, and was intended to discover whether, in particular, Government assistance to agricultural research was being economically applied. Unfortunately the Committee are precluded by their terms of appointment from discussing matters of policy. They may say whether details of expenditure could be curtailed, but they must not question the wisdom of the policy which inspires that expenditure. In their report they point out that the existing anomalies include the lack of any department responsible for overseeing the whole of the expenditure on agricultural research. Under present arrangements, in addition to their regular grants in aid or grants for maintenance and capital expenditure, many organisations receive aid from both the Ministry of Agriculture and the Research Council, and some of them, as branches of a University, receive grants from public funds through the University Grants Committee. This all seems untidy to the Committee on Estimates, but any attempt to say so emphatically has been denied them by the usual stone-walling tactics of the Treasury. As long ago as 1951 the Treasury reported to the Public Accounts Committee that "the subject was under review." According to Treasury evidence before the Committee the matter is "still under review between Ministers" and "it would not, therefore, be

appropriate for the Committee to make firm recommendations."

If this firm front on the part of the Treasury makes the report somewhat empty, at any rate the Committee have had the courage to ask that the Ministerial review should be brought to a "speedy conclusion" and that consideration should be given to their own views in reaching it. They consider that overall economies might be made if all the independent agricultural institutes were brought under the administration of the Agricultural Research Council. The situation is only too familiar to all those who know the history of education and research in this country, and they will not be surprised to find that those most intimately concerned and most capable of forming a judgment are entirely opposed to the tightening of bureaucratic control. Sir William Ogg, Director of Rothamsted Experimental Station, told the Committee that, if it came to the pinch, the Ministry of Agriculture was less understanding than the Agricultural Research Council. It was "more inclined to

NIGHT LIFE

WHEN the moth dusk draws down
To the candle flame
Of London Town
And the myriad tapers of light
Shine like a Milky Way,
Then, in the lingering, coralline flush of day
A city's starlings come
With a hubbub of wings and the air dark with
their flight.
Home in the bat-light, home
To Trafalgar Square, to column and arch and
ledge,
With voices heard above the roar of the Strand.
In that cold no-man's land
Of cornice and pilaster, crowded razor-edge,
Perch most precarious above the passers-by
Vociferous, ruffled and round
Familiar feathery shapes that cluster high
Etched on the tapestry of night.
O, starlings homeward bound
For Piccadilly's bright cloud-cuckoo-land,
Yours is the sound
Of London's voices filling all the sky.

MARGARET RHODES.

work to rules which may be suitable for Government departments in London, but which do not apply to the individual needs of places such as ours." But as regards scientific policy and research programmes he is apprehensive of supervision even by the Research Council. Since he began to direct research twenty-four years ago there had been a gradual tightening of central control—some of it irksome, unnecessary and not promoting efficiency. "But what I am more afraid of," said Sir William, "is that this will extend to scientific direction, and that, I think, would be fatal. The University Grants Committee does not try to administer the Universities, and if some measure of freedom is necessary for the Universities to function properly, I think the same measure of freedom is necessary for us."

THE CHANGING VALUE OF FAMILY HOMES

THE snowball scale of attendances at country houses open to the public during this and recent years proves that people have at last realised the endless beauty and interest to be found in historic family homes. But "endless," of course, is precisely the wrong word to use for them, since few historic homes as such will survive another payment of death duties, and practically none survives two deaths. When a great fortune in land has accrued through the centuries, like that of the Bath family—which was worth around three million ten years ago—settlement of part of what remains on the heir reduces the duties payable appreciably and enables some capital to be expended on estate work meanwhile. But at any moment an accident within the five-year period on which such transactions depend may make it nugatory, as happened in the case of Chatsworth, and twice more last week. And in many cases either the invested capital to be transferred simply does not exist, or the expectation of life proves unfounded. An historic and artistic entity that it has been possible barely to

maintain is then faced with having to find, say, £100,000 in cash. The courses open are (a) to sell up the whole, leaving a derelict mansion and disrupting the landscape; (b) to transfer the whole to the State in lieu of death duties, and maintenance of the house, if a use can be found, at public cost; or (c) for the nation to reform this short-sighted clause in its financial policy. The rapidly increasing public interest in country houses, especially those that are still family homes, is fundamentally changing the national estimation of the value of this form of capital. People realise it is virtually theirs already, and resent its disruption. More precisely, a new or wider channel of appeal to the Treasury is required for heirs of acknowledged "museum houses" to obtain special remission of death duties and taxation—as advocated in the Gowers Report—so as to preserve the hereditary entity and connection. Otherwise the whole cost of upkeep will fall on the Historic Buildings Councils, whose funds, possibly adequate for piecemeal repair, are clearly hopelessly insufficient for the general maintenance of scores of public institutions.

USES FOR HISTORIC HOUSES

THE first success to be announced of the newly set up Historic Buildings Bureau is the satisfactory one of finding a user for Kenyon Peel Hall, Lancashire. This notable early-17th-century half-timbered quadrangle, in the largely industrialised region of Worsley, was offered to the Ministry of Works as long ago as 1932 by Lord Kenyon for guardianship under the Ancient Monuments Act. Funds for repair and maintenance were then lacking, and the offer had to be declined, as it was subsequently by the National Trust and various local authorities, from the County Council (which was keenly sympathetic) to the Worsley U.D.C. Last year the Bishop of Manchester considered its use for diocesan conferences, but even with the possibility of a grant through the Historic Buildings Council, eventually decided against it. The Salvation Army recently approached the Bureau for a house suitable for an old people's home and have now found Kenyon Peel, with its timbered hall and groups of small rooms, just the thing. A sum for repair of the structure no doubt will be granted by the Minister of Works on the recommendations of the Historic Buildings Council, the Hall be preserved as a visual amenity to the district, and the interested public probably be allowed periodic access. The solving of this problem after 22 years is certainly an advertisement for the usefulness of the Bureau, which is a branch of the Ministry of Works. We understand that other negotiations of a similar nature are in progress. The Bureau's special knowledge and the fact that a grant towards repair is generally forthcoming should make it of service particularly to businesses and organisations considering the acquisition of a country house for dispersal of their records or for entertainment or staff purposes.

'WARE SMOG

AT present the last laugh seems to be with the fog, or "smog," and against the committee of experts at the Ministry of Health who have been pondering over it. The shade of Mr. William Guppy must rejoice that what he so proudly called "a London particular" still remains to a large extent undefeated. Two years ago this smog killed some 4,000 Londoners, and now a year and a half later we are told what had never been disputed, namely, that the sulphur dioxide derived from the combustion of coal was the villain of the piece. Those of us who are normally sound and healthy may derive a selfish consolation from the fact that we are not likely to be attacked, but there is little comfort for those not so strong in the heart or the lungs, for whom the smog is apt to "exacerbate illness and precipitate death." It is true that if another calamity such as that of 1952 should recur researchers in laboratory and hospital will be more ready to research, but that sounds a little like shutting the stable door. The Committee rather remind us of certain local authorities who say that civil defence is a waste of time and energy. Perhaps they prefer to "pass the buck" to the other Committee on air pollution. Meanwhile we can only hope for the best and get ready to cough.



Leslie Neil

ON THE EDGE OF EXMOOR: DUNSTER CASTLE, SOMERSET

A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By IAN NIALL

AS a child, had I been given the option of going to a circus or a cattle show, the cattle show would have won every time. I never had the option. I went to cattle shows. No circus ever thought it worth its while to trundle its way over the rough and wild roads into my part of the country, and cattle shows were more in our line. Time puts a wonderful glamour on things enjoyed long ago. Returning to the district in which I spent my early days, I was delighted to see a bill advertising the cattle show I had gone to when my head was well below the top bar of a hurdle. I made up my mind to go again, no matter what the weather—we had had ten days of rain and wind that had left its mark on the countryside in lying corn and flooded hollows.

WHEN the morning of the show came the sun was up in a clear sky, glistening on the waterlogged meadows and making little trickles of vapour rise from the road. The old magic was there. I knew this day. It had all happened before, long ago. I could almost smell the show field. I could hear the talk round the pens of Cheviots, the thud of heavy-footed Clydesdales being led into the ring, the clamour of children round the Italian's ice cream stand. We had a considerable distance to go to reach the place in which the show was held and as we travelled it was plain that all the world and his wife were on the way or had gone before. We passed locked cottages, half-asleep farms and groups of people at bus stops. We overtook people who were impatient of bus time-tables and rode on bicycles. It seemed very like yesterday or thirty years and more ago, but this turned out to be an illusion. The talk round the sheep pens was drowned in the roar of a demonstration of some sort of air-induction open-hearth plant. The thuds of the feet of the Clydesdales were lost because a battery of tractors competed to shake everything standing on five acres of ground. The pony races

were the same, but a loudspeaker blared from every tree. This was to-day's cattle show, where a monster of a combine harvester cut imaginary corn and clattered away hour by hour, fascinating the boys who would once have been hooked on the hurdles or crawling under the arena ropes. The one small boy of long ago looked for the whiskered men who once argued about the stance of a mare or the back of an Ayrshire cow, but the old men were no longer arguing. There was too much competition.

A SHOOTING acquaintance told me the other day that he had suffered a very bad season with his partridges and that arrangements he had made to take a shoot in Scotland had been cancelled because the grouse in the particular district had suffered as a result of the heavy rainfall earlier in the year. Each year by this time I can count several coveys of partridges in my immediate locality simply by listening to their calling before dusk. It may be that I have been listening on the wrong evenings, but I have heard very few so far. On a journey through moors where the grouse are often on the roadside for grit by this time I saw none at all, but, with the drains and bog-holes filled with rain and so many dull days one upon another, it may not be so extraordinary that grouse are not to be seen. I have a friend who keeps a moor some miles away and must call on him one day soon—not to shoot but to get permission to fish a particular lake. He always gives me his report on the state of the moor, the growth of heather and his war against predators.

If the news I have of partridges saddens me—they are perhaps the bird I like above all others—I can say I have heard the corn-crake again, and a correspondent writes to add to this encouraging news with the statement that he has heard six calling males this season in

the Furness district of Lancashire after an absence of many years. I often wonder about the corn-crake. Is it as near extinction as is thought? The call is an old country sound now and a thing I associate with farms and farming as they used to be, but the rail kind are the most secretive of birds. I remember that it was a long time before I was lucky enough to see a water-rail stealing up a ditch. They creep away much oftener than they take wing and the corn-crake is as fond of walking as any other bird. I have no doubt that it has become very scarce to the point of being rare, but I wonder how many people would know the corn-crake if they saw it or heard it, and how many who know its territory advertise the precise information.

A MONTH ago it seemed we were having a plague of flies. I cut a bit of grass and went for walks in the course of which I disturbed more flies than I had seen for a long time, but when the rains came with a vengeance the flies I had thought a plague multiplied over and over. There is some connection between rain and plant growth and the production of flies, and there is certainly something about the weeds and reeds of certain Scottish lochs that midges love, as I found while trying to fish. The man who can banish the midge can make his fortune in the north. Nothing has ever put me nearer to the doors of a madhouse than half a dozen black midges. They are such small things that one might think they have no mouths with which to bite, but they bite with more effect than a bulldog so far as I am concerned.

While I was recovering a cast across a lane of water between one stand of reeds and another I began to find the attention of the midges intolerable. I took my hand away from the reel with the result that my spinner dropped into a hidden jungle of weed and held fast. I tried to discourage a capful of midges that

played at the back of my neck, lost my footing, floundered in the reeds and dropped my hat in the water. After I had tugged my spinner to the spot in which I stood, with half the under-water life of the loch being towed behind it, I cleared the obstruction and staggered away. The midges provided escort and I wondered how I had come to lose imagination so thoroughly as to picture a loch in Scotland on a summer night without midges.

Along the shore I met an old man who smiled at me. "Are the midges bothering you?" he asked. I nodded. He had no remedy. Somehow I felt he had none even before he asked.

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THE coarse-fishing season being well under way again, I have sent for my permit to fish a particular lake. It will be October before I think seriously about the business of spinning for pike and perch, although the days of summer often find me looking at a Colorado spoon or one of those rubber wonders with which the

French tackle-makers catch so many anglers. Not that the little rubber fish are anything but good lures. One in particular—the latest thing in fish-like action—caught my imagination last season and produced a few tugs at the end of my line, over-hooked though it is. I sometimes wonder what the ravening pike, perch or trout really sees. Does it turn hungrily to a green and gold morsel that looks tasty enough to make even a fish's mouth water, or does it snap at a stupid imitation of a fish, a pathetic rubber torpedo with doll's eyes and gaudy flanks touched with red, streaked with gold or mottled green to make the man behind the rod think for a minute that a living fish could look like an over-painted, dead object?

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IF a rubber fish looks like a fish to a hungry pike, what makes a pike snap at a piece of red flannel, a wooden plug made from a broom handle or a twisting piece of copper or brass? Is a pike, after all, just a greedy monster with poor eyesight and a perch a pugnacious fish

that hurries to take all his prey tail-first? If this is true, then perhaps a trout has no discrimination either, for he, too, will take the rubber fish, the spoon or the brass minnow. And yet, why does he take the Dun and leave the Alder? Why does he rise to the Blue Upright and ignore other artificials? At times I think the water holds two kinds of fish. One of them has education and a knowledge of the dictionary of flies, and the other? The other is April's fool that rises to anything and cares nothing what he takes. It is this trout that takes the silver spinner like any humble perch or pike; this trout that gapes so stupidly when the net is under him. He will never learn. He never lives long enough to learn and, strangely, it falls to me to catch him—before he is any size!

The trout season is growing old. I have not kept a record of the fish I have caught so far. I hope to catch a few good ones before October, but if I fail, then somewhere in the depths of that coarse-fishing water is an old green pike and I may get him at my first cast.

THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY SURVEY

By MARTIN THORNHILL

THOUSANDS of knowledgeable volunteers have been conducting a survey of public rights-of-way since the passing of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act in 1949. Working for parish and district

councils and the various interested bodies affiliated with the Central Rights of Way Committee (the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, the Ramblers' Association, the Council for the Preservation of

Rural England, the Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales, the National Association of Parish Councils, the British Horse Society, the National Federation of Women's Institutes and the National Council of Social Service), the searchers send in reports that eventually reach that body through the county councils in the one case and their own organisations in the other.

At the time of writing the position is that 37 counties and 13 county boroughs have made up draft maps from these reports; 14 county councils have published maps for parts of their areas; several have completed provisional maps; and ten have not yet published any maps at all. It is estimated that at the present rate the Commission appointed under the Act to see that the survey was done may be able to complete the work by 1957.

It had been hoped that this would be possible by 1955, but the task has proved much more complex than was expected. Thousands of paths were obliterated, and stiles removed, by military activities during the war. The process had indeed begun before then—more than a generation ago, when bus services started to link scattered hamlets. Villagers no longer relied on their short cuts between village and farms and church, and from parish to parish. Also, there were too few serious ramblers to tread out the tracks, grass-grown and neglected by the countrymen, and paths were ploughed by the farmers, who, understandably, began as well to wire up the spaces where the ways entered and left their land.

Into the limbo came many more paths which farmers, given special war-time cultivation privileges, ploughed out without question. In 1946 the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society greatly underestimated these as some 10,000; and the public were excluded from an equal number under orders made by the Service Departments. By no means all of the latter have been given back; nor has it always been easy for farmers to carry out their obligation under the 1949 Act to restore the ways which had been removed in many cases, not by them, but by their predecessors. To the reinstatement of many others private landowners object. The onus of proving rights-of-way, therefore, rests heavily on those who wish to use them and upon those delegated to seek proof under the Act.

This, under the Rights of Way Act, 1932, can be done by producing evidence that, with certain reservations, a disputed path had been publicly used for 20 years. Otherwise, there must be proof of owner "dedication." This does not mean that any definite act or ceremony ever took place, but that ordinary folk had used the track so long that the owner obviously meant them to go on doing so. As permission had never been suspended, the dedication made



A FOOTPATH IN ASHDOWN FOREST, SUSSEX



ON THE PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE PENNINE WAY: CROWDEN GREAT BROOK, LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE. Manchester Corporation are objecting to this section of the way on the ground that it will cross feeder streams of Crowden Great Brook and might lead to the pollution of the Longdendale reservoirs. (Right) A PARTY OF WALKERS AT ELTERWATER, IN THE LANGDALE VALLEY, WESTMORLAND

the path public by law. Sometimes signs of some repairs by the local authority have reinforced the evidence in either case.

Proof in one instance was a milestone on the path. The attestation of old residents is often a vital factor; occasionally it is the only testimony. Evidence of use from 1854 to 1947 was provided in one case. In another, the combined memories of a family were able to show that a disputed way had been used for about 120 years.

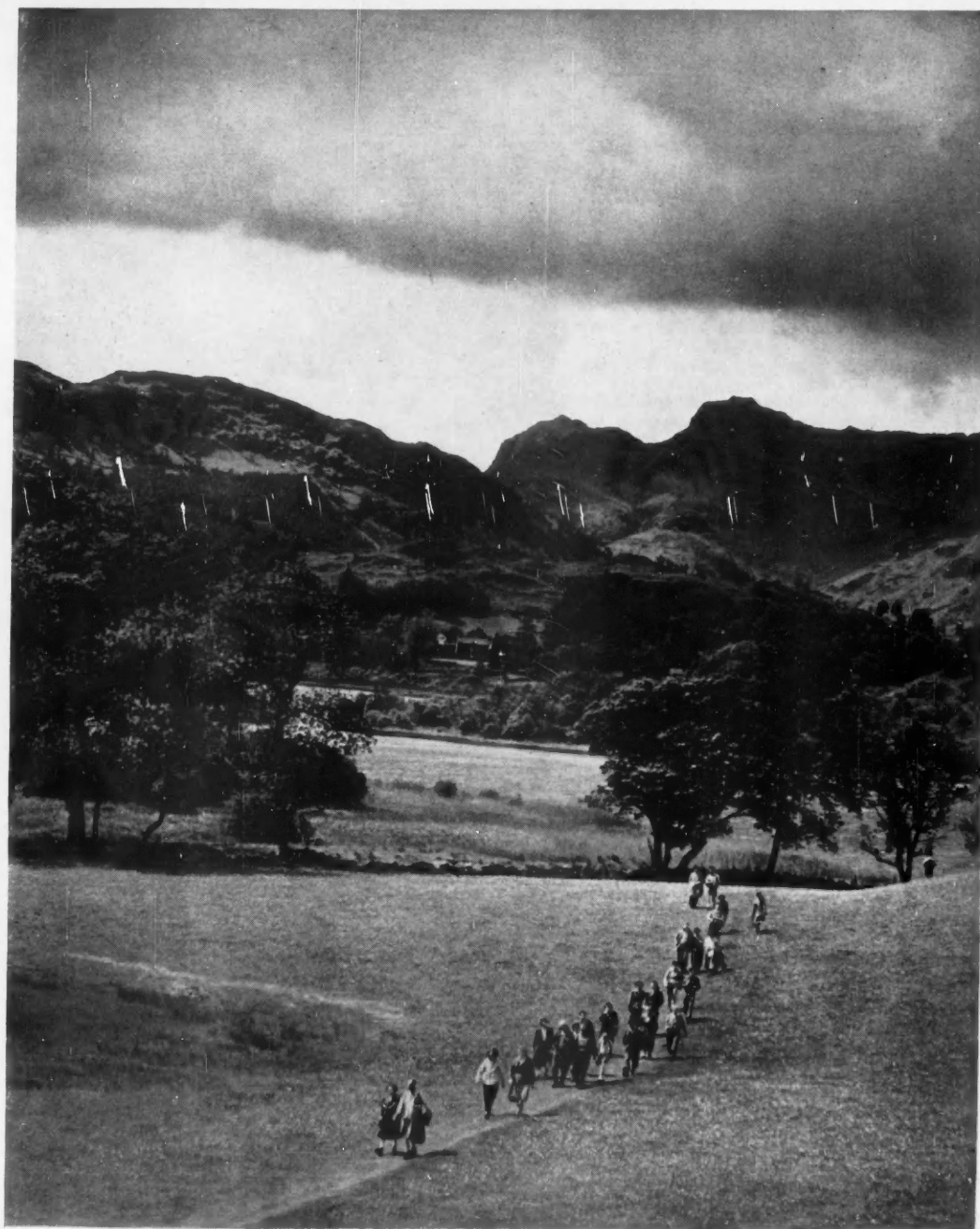
Often than one would think likely, the reinstatement of a path has depended on the recollections of a single veteran. Some months ago an old Cornishman returned to his native parish after years of exile from his old home, to find that a certain public footpath which he had used as a boy had been ploughed under and lost. He well remembered that everyone used this path, which saved nearly a mile of roundabout road walking between his village and the next. Not until he had pursued the point with the parish council was he proved right, by a keen examination of old maps and parochial documents. The ancient right-of-way has now been restored.

Some 3,000 miles of almost forgotten paths have been added to the Essex draft map of rights-of-way, mainly from the testimony of old inhabitants.

As an example of the size and difficulty of the task of collecting all the evidence for path restorations, the draft map for the West

Riding of Yorkshire shows 6,652 miles of public footpath, representing 11,500 separate paths. Objections relating to over 1,000 of these were lodged by owners and others, and the Ramblers' Association claimed 500 paths in addition. Enquiries in the Malmesbury Rural District are being conducted by the Wiltshire Coroner, and there have been more than 100 objections in this district alone. The draft map for the whole county records 7,000 paths. It is, of course, at this stage that objections must be filed, and in Wiltshire most of them have been lodged by British Railways.

As pointed out by a Railway Executive spokesman, dissent from that quarter is, of course, against the existence of alleged rights-of-way across the lines. Although many of these are secured by locked gates, the public still uses them. Sometimes a person is injured while doing so, and British Railways are held responsible. Naturally they are also concerned for the safety of trains; and if access to the line is too easy, dangerous objects may be left lying about. The Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Society, who are anxious to preserve all rights-of-way where these can be proved, state





PASSAGE DENIED: A RIGHT-OF-WAY OVERGROWN NEAR THE NORTH DOWNS, SURREY. (Right) THE TOW-PATH BESIDE THE RIVER THAMES AT CLIFTON HAMPDEN, WHERE IT FORMS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE. It is hoped eventually to establish a right-of-way along the whole length of the Thames

that the railways appear to be objecting wherever their books of reference showed the paths as private when the railways were built; and that they seem also to be ignoring the possibility that many such paths may have become public through a proper period of use since the lines were laid.

In Surrey, with its network of suburban lines, a great many objections have been brought by the railways, and they must take some time to settle to the satisfaction of both sides. In most cases the county council concerned determines whether disputed paths shall be included in the final, definitive maps. But an unsatisfied objector can, of course, appeal to the courts. In one instance both parties, having agreed the facts, are considering an approach to the High Court to settle the legal issue which remains.

The public status of some towing paths is disputed by the Canal Companies, as in the case of the paths on the Stroudwater Canal, in Gloucestershire, the Bridgewater Canal, in Cheshire, and the Rochdale Canal, in Lancashire. Evidence is still being collected in support of the proposal for the Thames towing path to be a public right-of-way. The future of this '36-mile river walk, in its full length from Teddington to Cricklade, is further complicated by the fact that interest in a final decision is shared by as many as forty-three separate societies and local authorities. Yet, the action taken to assert a right need be a simple enough proceeding. What is important is that it must be a measure that is legally sound, and that it should be carried out before it is too late. To establish public rights on their section of the Thames path, members of Bradfield (Berkshire) Council used the inconsiderable device of tying string to a matchbox and towing it as far as was necessary. When the time came for Thankington, Canterbury, to re-assert the parish's right to use certain footpaths in its area, the bridge linking a right-of-way across the 40-foot-wide River

Stour was unusable. So councillors took along their bathing costumes and towels, changed on the river bank, and waded across.

Some water boards are disputing ways across their gathering grounds. Manchester Corporation, for example, are objecting in respect of the Pennine Way where it crosses their Longendale Reservoirs' gathering ground between Laddow Rocks and Black Hill. Public use of it, they maintain, would lead to pollution of their water supply. But, as pointed out by the Secretary of the Pennine Way Association, such contamination would be infinitesimal compared with the pollution which has been tolerated for a century from the roads and railway alongside the reservoirs in question.

Other impediments contribute to the general delay in completing the national survey. Berkshire has fallen sadly behind its schedule for the publication of its remaining draft maps. It seems to be disposing of all claims and objections in East Berkshire before publishing any more maps. Somerset badly needs more voluntary help. Although the voluntary bodies in Cheshire have made a fairly thorough survey of the whole county, a few slack parishes in some rural districts are retarding completion.

On the other hand, Kent volunteers had some time ago walked over, mapped and written descriptions of some 15,000 footpaths and bridleways, covering about 5,000 miles. In the process they re-discovered some really historic paths: one was the favourite bridleway used by the first Duke of Wellington when he was Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and lived at Walmer Castle, where he died.

It is estimated that at least a third of the population will be closely affected by the results of the survey. These are not ramblers alone. A large number of people who live in the country find it inconvenient to rely entirely on public transport systems, which vary in efficiency not only from time to time, but from place to place. The paths, therefore, constitute a reserve of mobility which is valuable to the country community as a whole. In consequence, both groups should feel cheered by the unofficial expectation that not more than five per cent. of the objections in general will eventually be sustained.



PARTRIDGE AND PHEASANT PROSPECTS

By J. WENTWORTH DAY

FARMERS who welcomed myxomatosis as a cure-all for the rabbit plague may well find this season that one result of this dreadful disease is that it may materially affect the value of shooting rentals. Evidence of this comes to me from an estate in East Suffolk where the virtual extermination of the rabbit population has already resulted in foxes, stoats and weasels taking an appalling toll of sitting partridges and pheasants and their chicks.

The keeper's report is that his game population has probably been halved. Since so many farmers own their own land nowadays and either run their own syndicate shoots or let the sporting rights, sometimes at rents as high as ten shillings an acre or more, the outcome of this foul disease may well touch them in their pockets to a tune undreamt of by those who have either welcomed or introduced the epidemic.

Apart from the effect of this disease upon shooting prospects the outlook for the coming season, generally speaking, is not too good. Most districts ended the last season with a poor stock of partridges. Continued rain, cold and high winds have resulted in the loss of very many early nests and an unsatisfactory second hatch. Pheasants, on the other hand, seem to have done rather better in many districts, and all the reports I have had of wild duck hatchings point to there being a more than usually good stock of home-reared mallard and teal. Indeed, on a visit to one of the best duck marshes in Essex in mid-July I saw no fewer than twenty-two broods of pochard, one brood apiece of gadwall and garganey, and at least five hundred mallard which were strong on the wing. There was a very fair sprinkling of teal, together with scores of that handsome but unshootable bird, the sheld-duck.

Game prospects in the East Riding of Yorkshire are well summed up by Mr. Kenneth Thelwall, of Walkington House, near Beverley, who has the shooting on the famous Londesborough Park Estate, where they can show probably the highest pheasants in England, rivalled only by the neighbouring estate of Warter Priory, with its famous Golden Valley Stand. Mr. Thelwall writes to me:

"As far as pheasants and partridges are concerned, the hatching on the Londesborough Estate was most encouraging. However, the position has since turned out to be somewhat depressing because I found a lot of young birds were drowned during an exceptionally rainy period. My keeper also picked up a large number of young pheasants that had been drowned.

"With regard to partridges, it is very difficult to assess what the losses have been because, as you know, what young birds there are about don't often venture out of the uncut corn. On making enquiries in that area, I found reports not encouraging, so I assume that the young partridges have suffered in the same way as the young pheasants. Nevertheless, as far as I am concerned, I have quite a useful stock and I think and hope I shall have a better season than last, as I left a fairly useful stock and the Forestry Commission have completed most of their felling, and are therefore not interfering with the stocks and what younger birds there are to the extent they did last year. The few wild duck I have there have done exceptionally well. I have not come across any harmful cases of poisoning due to fertilisers and crop sprays. I have made enquiries elsewhere and my friends tell me they have not found any of the present type of crop spraying has interfered in any way with their stock."

The head keeper on one of the largest and best shooting estates in the Eastern Counties, a property extending to some 20,000 acres, sends a report which, I think, may be taken as fairly typical of the outlook for Norfolk and Suffolk and for most of Cambridgeshire. He says:

"Our pheasants on the whole wintered very well. (Partridges not so well, but these are a thing of the past on this estate; of this I am

quite sure.) We had a late cold spring and some very sharp frosts the early part of the egg season. Luckily the ground was very dry and so little harm was done. Pheasants laid very well, the eggs were a good size and hatched out well, with young birds looking strong and healthy. So far so good. However, there was very little cover owing to the dry weather, and jackdaws and other winged vermin took heavy toll. We killed a lot of these enemies, but the country to-day is full of vermin and they are a great nuisance to all classes of people.

"Then we have more and more weed-killer and fertilisers used here every year, the crops of lucerne and cocksfoot grow heavier and it becomes increasingly difficult to save birds from the grass-cutters. The slaughter on the main roads is also far from negligible. Partridges



A COMMON PARTRIDGE. Rain, cold and winds caused the loss of many early nests and an unsatisfactory second hatch

will be very scarce; even some of the stock birds showed signs of being in bad form."

Lord Fisher, whose 4,000-acre Kilverstone estate near Thetford is as good for its size as any other shoot in the country, writes:

"I am afraid the partridges have suffered again, as usual nowadays. Many earlier broods died and there are a lot of barren birds about. Later hatches have not done so badly, but still have dwindled. For instance, I saw a covey of three young birds where there were fourteen when first observed. We shall not be shooting any partridges in September. Pheasants hatched unusually well, but you do not often see broods of fifteen, as there were. Still, the keepers hope for an average season."

Mr. R. J. Harvey, agent for Mr. Charles Butler's Shortgrove Park estate, which adjoins Audley End, that wonderful 7,000-acre shoot on the borders of Essex and Cambridgeshire, says:—

"Regarding the bird prospects, I honestly don't know what to say. I have been quite pleased with the look of things on our Cambridge property, yet I hear many accounts of their being very poor. The trouble is, I don't think we shall know until the harvest is cut, because there is such a mass of corn or straw and rubbish in the hedgerows and ditches that it is difficult to see what we have got; but as far as I am concerned, I am certain I have seen fewer barren birds than last year."

Another friend, who owns an estate near Newmarket, sends the following terse summary of prospects on some of the estates near there:—

"Culford: They don't have many partridges. Good hatch of pheasants. I hear they have reared. Dalham: A syndicate. I hear they have reared. Chippenham: Good hatch of both. Elveden: Good first hatch of pheasants. But a lot lost in cold wet weather. Satisfactory second hatch. Exning Estate: Good hatch of both. Lord Ellesmere, Stetchworth: Good hatch of partridges, also good hatch of pheasants, but trouble with foxes taking hen pheasants off nests.

"I don't think the use of artificials does any harm, but I think a lot of birds are lost cut out of layers, with these fast tractors. I have no personal experience of spraying, as I try to sow early, so that I can get the harrows into the young crops as many times as possible, to kill the weeds without spray. I should think the main damage done by spraying is the killing of insect life, because, if that deprives the birds of all food, it will naturally eventually kill the birds."

From that other first-class shooting county, Hampshire, there comes a moderately cheerful report from Mr. A. Allam, head keeper on Sir Richard Fairey's 5,000-acre Bossington estate, a property which has all the delights that life can offer—high-lying, arable, mainly light loam, ideal for partridges; well-grown coverts overlooking the glorious valley of the Test; acres of water meadows alive with snipe and duck and a long stretch of the Test itself, that immortal "River of Gold" whose trout are matched in size and verve only by the astronomical prices set upon their catching. Mr. Allam writes:—

"Now that I have finished grass cutting I am able to give you the report of hatching and prospect of game on Bossington estate. We had a really good hatch of both pheasant and partridge. We still have a nice few pheasants, but am afraid it is the same old story of the partridge; our main hatch was in the second week in June and it rained the whole week, so I am quite sure few, if any, survived from the Euston system. We had quite a few hatch from their own eggs later, and we have seen a few of those about, but I am afraid if we don't get more sun we shall have gapes. It rained here for 36 hours almost without a break. It is difficult to give you any accurate reports of the pheasants until harvest, but I think I am safe in saying we have a few about.

"Wild duck hatchings were really good: I never knew better, and we have prospects of a good season. One thing I have noticed this season is that we have still got a few half-grown ones on the river, in spite of well-grown ones coming into the pool.

"We had two fields on the estate sprayed with an insecticide. We did not find a lot of damage to game, but the pigeons really did suffer. On and around we found over 30 dead. There bodies were yellow."

Far less encouraging are what few reports I have from Shropshire, although one friend, who has a shooting of some 2,000 acres in that county, says:—

"The pundits all tell me that there will be no partridges at all in Shropshire this year. This is not the only occasion when my opinion differs from those of the pundits. I think they will be fair, but I may be wrong. Wild pheasants as far as my own experience goes ought to be quite good. What I have seen were good and big."

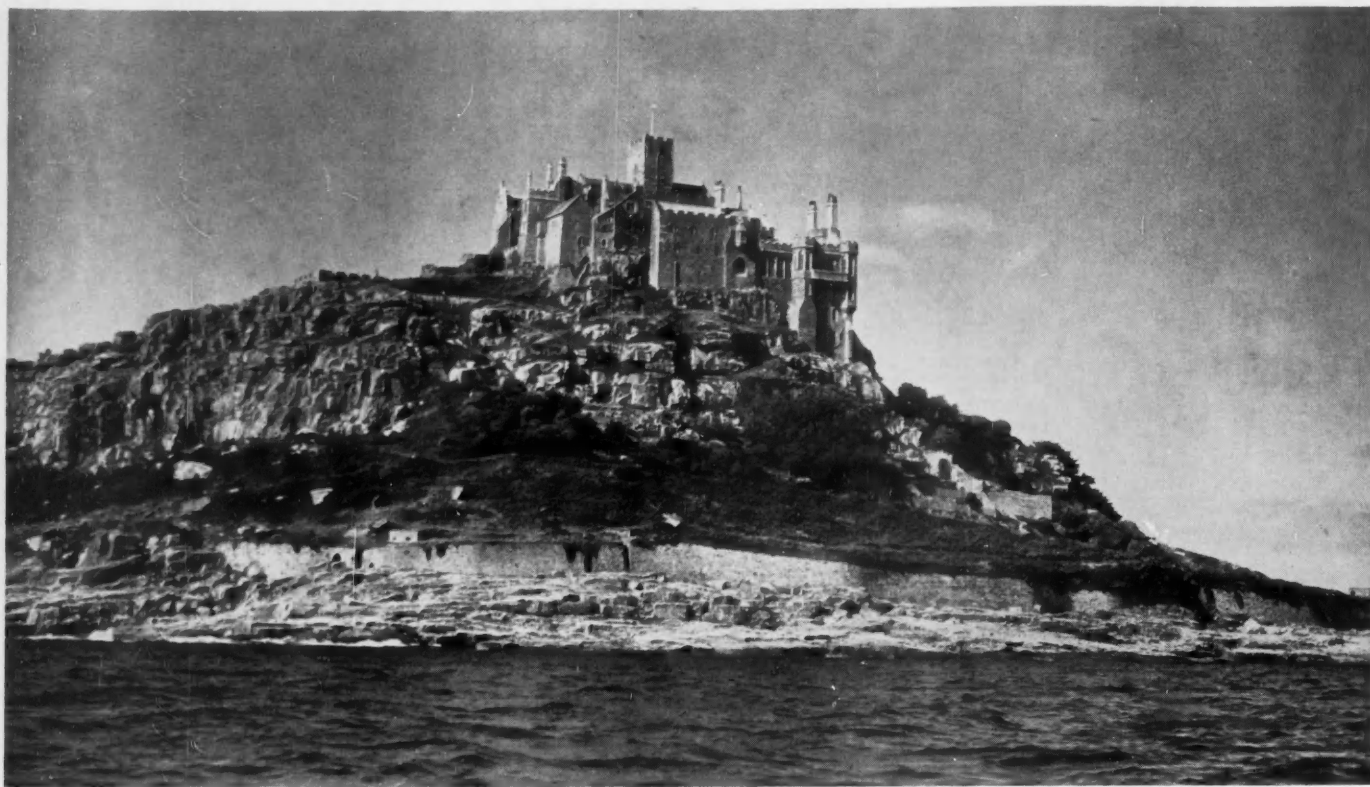
Prospects in the Midlands are apparently not much better. They seem to be fairly well summed-up in a letter from Sir Charles Shuckburgh, Bt., of Shuckburgh Park, Daventry, who says:—

"I should say that the pheasant prospects are slightly above average—but what we want is some nice sunshine. Owing to the weather the hay-crop was some three weeks late and this gave the birds a chance to hatch off. Partridges here are few and far between.

"Regarding sprays, apart from the 'yellow' sprays, I personally contend the hormone types do not encourage wild game life, as they kill the weeds which produce the seeds for the birds to feed on."

I have no reports from the south-western counties, other than that Mr. Jack Olding, who now owns that good shooting property, Druids Lodge, in Wiltshire. He has guarded hopes of a fair to moderate season. Wiltshire seemed to do better than most counties last shooting season, so that it is probable that prospects there may be a little better than in most other parts of the country.

ST. MICHAEL'S MOUNT FOR THE NATION



ST. MICHAEL'S MOUNT, CORNWALL, WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL TRUST BY LORD ST. LEVAN

EVERYBODY at one time or another must have wished to live on a small island, and for many people the dream island home must have been St. Michael's Mount, which Lord St. Levan presented to the National Trust last week. Admittedly it lacks isolation, which some may think essential for the ideal island, but this possible defect is outweighed by its numerous other qualities—its superb setting in Mounts Bay, its sugar-loaf form crowned by a romantic cluster of buildings, its ancient legends and traditions, its contrasts in weather, which may be almost tropical on one day and on the next raging storm, with the breakers rolling in unhindered from the Atlantic.

Thousands of holiday-makers visit St. Michael's Mount every year and will recall the first distant view from the seaweed-strewn beach at Marazion. Then the curving stone causeway that leads to the sheltered little fishing village at the base of the Mount. Then the steep climb among boulders and

strange plants, past the batteries with their rows of toy-like cannon, and so on to the house at the summit.

As the seagulls wail overhead, the surf mutters below and a strong salty breeze blows in from the sea, one is told of the island's history: how it was said to have been the Ictis of the Phœnicians, who came there to trade for tin; how St. Michael appeared in a vision to some fishermen one night in 495, and how thereafter the Mount became sacred; how Edward the Confessor founded a cell there in 1044, and how the Benedictine community lived there, with numerous vicissitudes, through the Middle Ages; how Perkin Warbeck took it in Henry VII's reign, and how a tiny garrison was maintained there in Queen Elizabeth I's; how the Parliamentarians besieged it during the Civil War, and how eventually it was bought during the Commonwealth, almost exactly 300 years ago, by John St. Aubyn, from whom Lord St. Levan is descended.

The architecture of the Mount is as varied as its past, during which it has played the rôles of monastery, fortress and country house, and work of many periods—from the mediæval to the Victorian—is incorporated in its battlemented granite walls. The mediæval chapel survives unaltered, and mediæval work can also be seen in the Lady Chapel of 1463, although the interior was converted in the middle of the 18th century into a charming Gothick drawing-room and boudoir. The monks' refectory, now known as the Chevy Chase room from its 17th-century plaster frieze depicting hunting incidents, has walls probably of the 12th century and a roof of the 15th. These, with the armoury, are the parts of the Mount that will be seen by visitors. Their contents, including the notable series of paintings by Opie, have been lent to the National Trust by Lord St. Levan, through whose generosity one of the most remarkable country houses in England will be preserved for posterity.

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LOOKING BACK TO THE MAINLAND FROM THE BATTERIES. (Right) THE EAST FACE FROM THE FOOT OF THE CLIFF





THE EAST END OF THE CHAPEL. (Right) THE CHEVY CHASE ROOM, ORIGINALLY THE MONKS' REFECTORY



THE BOAR HUNT: A DETAIL FROM THE 17th-CENTURY FRIEZE IN THE CHEVY CHASE ROOM



THE 15th-CENTURY LADY CHAPEL. (Right) GOTHICK DRAWING-ROOM FORMED IN THE LADY CHAPEL IN THE 18th CENTURY

CAN WE KEEP THE ASHES?

By ARTHUR HARGRAVE

ONE cricket season is ending; another soon begins. On September 15 seventeen English players will embark for Australia, their task that of holding on to the Ashes so precariously won at Kennington Oval last year. Incidentally, neither of the two Surrey bowlers who clinched that famous victory has been chosen for the return series. So far as J. C. Laker is concerned, and perhaps G. A. R. Lock too, I feel that this is a big mistake.

We have beaten Pakistan once by a big margin and been beaten ourselves by a small one in the four rain-affected Tests now over. Despite that recent 24 runs reverse at the

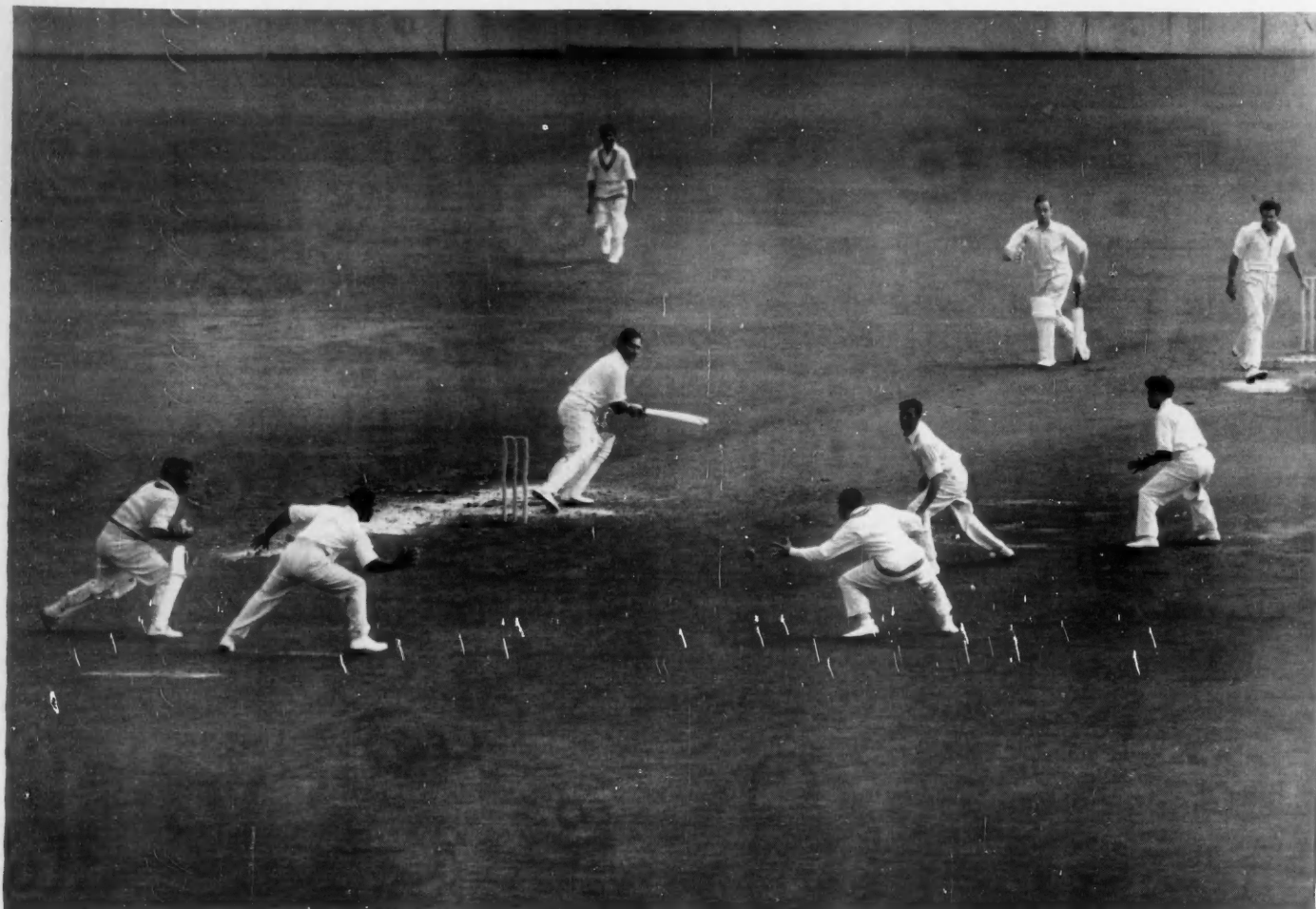
possibly P. B. H. May, as yet untried in Australia, moving up to replace him.

The second cause for misgiving lies in our bowling, and especially the spin bowling. The side which played at the Oval was in part an experimental one, ill-balanced because it contained three fast bowlers in F. H. Tyson, P. J. Loader and J. B. Statham, only two spinners, J. H. Wardle and J. E. McConnon, and no all-rounder.

The combined resources of them all, except the injured McConnon, could not prevent the two Pakistani batsmen, Wazir Mohammad and Zulfiqar Ahmed, a tail-enders, from staying

conditions, but I place more faith in R. Appleyard, destined, I feel, to be our chief attacking spin bowler. Wardle's use will be in long spells of keeping down the runs. The slow left-hander in Australia has usually to labour long for infrequent reward. Ours would have been a stronger side with Laker, or R. Tattersall, or R. G. Marlborough in the party.

If we cannot afford to do without Bedser, the same applies to T. E. Bailey, who was making a century for Essex while the batsman promoted to his batting place of number six in the England side, T. G. Evans, was making a duck.



"ON THE CREDIT SIDE OF THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR PRE-VIEW ARE THE REVIVAL OF COMPTON AND THE MATURING OF THE TALENTS OF MAY." Compton, partnered by May, batting in the Oval Test Match

Oval—the result of going into the game with insufficient batting and ill-balanced bowling—no one has any doubt that the full strength of England would be too powerful, in equal conditions, for A. H. Kardar and his men, well-won though their victory was. The two drawn Test games, heavily in our favour, help to confirm that impression.

Yet there are decided grounds for misgiving before the expeditionary force to Australia is launched. One of them is the batting of L. Hutton, our captain, who has had, by his own exalted standards, a poor season, marked at the time of writing by only one century. In the three Test match innings he played against Pakistan his scores were 0, 14 and 5; and on none of these appearances did he look like making runs. Over-work in the West Indies, fibrositis and bad weather at home may have been more potent causes of this poor show than his 38 years. Hard, uninterrupted cricket in the good light and on the firm wickets of Australia may restore him. Certainly the batting of Hutton at his best, as much as the bowling of that other veteran A. V. Bedser, will be needed over and over again. There is no one, except

together for two hours in the second innings and scoring 58 runs for the ninth wicket in a stand which was the turning point of the match.

It was that failure, together with the inability of our spinners to run through the opposition on the bad wicket of the previous night, that gave our batsmen 168 runs to make to win the match. They certainly ought to have made them, so batsmen and bowlers alike must be blamed.

The lesson of all this is that A. V. Bedser, who was left out experimentally on this occasion, is still an automatic choice for any full-strength England side, despite the rather over-confident claim that in Australia the spearhead of our attack will be our fast bowling. These same fast bowlers were made to look very ordinary by Wazir and Zulfiqar. No, Bedser as an attacking force when things are going right, and as a stock bowler when runs are coming freely, is indispensable.

As for the spinners, McConnon had a bad match at the Oval—no wickets in the first innings, only one in his limited bowling in the second, when the wicket ought to have suited his off-breaks. He may come off in Australian

The selectors, in giving three fast bowlers a run, dangerously weakened the batting. Evans and Wardle have too much uncertainty in their make-up as batsmen to go in as high as numbers six and seven. No one imagines that in Australia we shall enter the field with a number six less dependable than Bailey.

One more point, and the depression which spread over me that direful afternoon at the Oval will be succeeded by an anti-cyclone. The side for Australia includes only two recognised and regular opening batsmen, Hutton and R. T. Simpson. What will happen if anything goes wrong with either of these? Presumably W. J. Edrich will open with the other one, but his proper position is number three and he is best left there. Why the failure to bring in D. Kenyon, of Worcestershire, our most successful and consistent county batsman for most of the season? It is fashionable to point to his failures in the few Tests in which he has played, but other batsmen have had their bad patches too and survived, D. Compton, for instance. Kenyon was easily the first batsman to reach 2,000 runs this season—a fact that must take some explaining away. On his 1954 performances he

would be a far better prospect for Australia than M. C. Cowdrey.

On the credit side in this pre-view are the consistent good form of Edrich; the bowling of Appleyard, who has taken more wickets than anyone else except B. Dooland from Adelaide; the revival of Compton, now again almost at his best; and the maturing of the talents of May. Evans, to judge from his catches in the series just over, has lost nothing of his form as a wicket-keeper, though I cannot help feeling that, given a bigger streak of prudence in his make-up, he might have done so much more with his batting.

Let us glance again at this side which is under orders for the Australian tour.

Batsmen: L. Hutton, R. T. Simpson, W. J. Edrich, P. B. H. May, T. W. Graveney, M. C. Cowdrey, D. C. S. Compton.

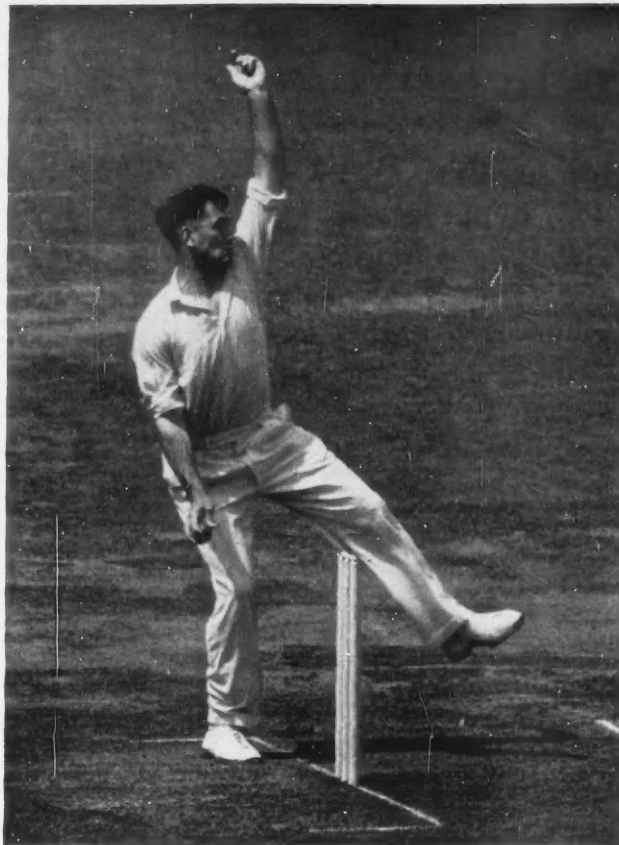
Bowlers: A. V. Bedser, F. H. Tyson, J. B. Statham, P. J. Loader, R. Appleyard, J. E. McConnon, J. H. Wardle.

All-rounder: T. E. Bailey.

Wicket-keepers: T. G. Evans, K. V. Andrew.

If the first Test Match, which is not due until November 26, at Brisbane, were to be played to-morrow, I fancy we should see Hutton, Simpson, Edrich, May and Compton as our first five batsmen, Bailey down at number six, Bedser, Statham, Appleyard and Wardle as our chief bowlers and Evans as wicket-keeper. Here, indeed, is a far stronger side than the one defeated so ingloriously by Pakistan.

A word about the tour itinerary.



A. V. BEDSER, WHOSE BOWLING WILL BE "NEEDED OVER AND OVER AGAIN"

This time it is the turn of Sydney, not Melbourne, to have two Test Matches—the second (December 17) and the fifth (February 25). The Melbourne one is the third (December 31) and Adelaide has the fourth (January 28). At Melbourne, by the way, the erection of a new Olympic Games stand, which will not be completed for the match, will deprive 10,000 people of their places and reduce the crowd to 60,000—double the maximum at Lord's.

The smaller matches follow much the same pattern as on previous tours, beginning with three games in October in Western Australia before the air journey is made to the Eastern States. An innovation is the visit to Rockhampton, Queensland, which is just within the Tropics.

For the longer journeys an aeroplane will again be used, but there is a return this time to the train for some of the shorter trips, such as that from Melbourne to Sydney. It was an unspoken complaint among the players on the last tour that air journeys were being used to fly them about the country and cram more matches into the same time. In the present itinerary the same tendency is noticed in the rush from Rockhampton, where a match is being played against a country team to Sydney and then on to Canberra for a game only two days after the one in the Tropics. Indeed, the players arrive at Canberra only on the morning of their fixture there.

Yet a Grand Tour such as this is surely worth a rush journey now and then.

A COUNTRYWOMAN'S NOTES

By EILUNED LEWIS

AMONG the portents of this very odd summer, with its rank growth and broodingnagian weeds, is the lateness of the honey crop. Our local Produce Show at the beginning of August was unadorned by a single entry for "run or section honey," and at the time of writing these notes the bees are still undisturbed in their corner of the garden. When the hives were last inspected the combs were unsealed. How could they be otherwise when the bees' chief harvest in this district, the delicate green lime-flowers, were only beginning to bloom in the last days of July? Our bee-master shakes his head at this state of affairs, but for myself I am not ill pleased. Our hives have gone through the summer without a swarm, and I am content that the business of extraction (assuming that there is some honey to extract, and a fine day to do it) should take place a few weeks later, and not, as usually happens, when there is fruit to pick and the school holidays are at their delicious beginning.

Raspberries and rainy summers obviously go together, and since boarding-school children must miss the strawberry season, their presence at home added to our delight in this kindly fruit, as pleasant to pick as to eat, with so many of the berries at the right level and never a thorn. The currant bushes, red and black, perhaps require too much crouching, but the beauty of the scarlet clusters and the homely aromatic scent of the leaves are consolations; and on at least one day of this summer it was warm enough to sit out of doors stripping the fruit. Of course, the robin arrived, choosing as always this moment of the year and seeming to say, with a cock of his head, "There you are, you see! You lost your heart to all those others, and now there's only me left for company!" This is not strictly true because the two blackbirds, father and son, who follow each other about on the lawn like Kim and his lama, are almost equally tame. Yet at this silent season, how far away appear the rapturous days when every bird was building or singing, and never were

better songs or so many nests in our garden as there were this spring.

"TAKE fifty well-formed but tender walnuts," begins a recipe which has just turned up in my desk. But alas, our four walnut trees cannot muster so many nuts between them. "Put them in water for eight days, changing the water every day," run the directions, followed by a great deal of boiling, reboiling, pricking with cloves and stuffing with blanched almonds. How easy it was in the Mediterranean sunshine to imagine oneself doing all these things, yet now I begin to fear that my walnuts in syrup will join the phantom company of those other recipes which are written on the spare pages of cookery books, or the end of a diary together with "Books to read."

The ingredients are the obstacle, for everyday home life does not always provide sprigs of dill, vine leaves or coriander seeds. The Swiss recipes have proved the most practical, as one might expect. We do eat "endives au gratin" at intervals, from details inscribed in our late Simone's pointed handwriting, and we still make a famous red currant jelly, following instructions given to my mother by a Lausanne half a century ago.

AFAMILY of two small boys and their parents had come from South London to spend a day with us, arriving in a downpour but cannily bringing their Wellington boots, so that when some time after lunch the rain ceased we were equipped for the woods, and could slide happily up and down the slippery paths between grasses which out-topped by several feet the heads of the younger guests. Luckily someone had remembered to bring tin mugs for wild strawberries by the way, and there they were, in deep August, a whole month behind their time, the scarlet berries deceptively matching their leaves already touched with autumn. Appropriately, they belong to a

miniature world, exactly the right scale for four-year-old, and even two-year-old, fingers to help in gathering.

When the mugs were full (only the "squashed" ones eaten, honourably, *in situ*) we climbed out of the green shadows to the open hilltop, just as the sun emerged at last from behind the clouds and shone joyfully on the tall rowan trees edging the dingle. They were hung with berries red as the wild strawberries in our hands, and brilliant as the orange toadstools in the grass. Surely a telescoping of the seasons!

We were in luck, for there was also, to keep everyone happy, a red and blue tractor carting dung. The farmer himself walked with us to the margin of the field and talked of how his men must go straight from the hay-crop to the corn harvest, without a day's pause or rest between whiles. Then, as so often nowadays, the word myxomatosis was mentioned, and we heard that the disease is now some ten miles to the south of us. A week earlier a Kentish man told me that his farm-hands "couldn't eat their tea" after seeing the afflicted animals, and would not touch the bodies, which are left to rot in the fields. Our neighbour was even more forcible. Rabbits have cost him dear, and he has used many means, gas included, to rid his property of them. Yet the thought of myxomatosis does more than revolt him. If the disease comes to his land he may abandon his pig-breeding, for fear that the foxes will take his young pigs as well as his poultry. Foxes, stoats and weasels, in his opinion, will be starving and desperate; the balance of wild life in our countryside will be upset.

A nightmare of dreadful possibilities is started by these apprehensions. Suppose a scientist, wishing to rid his garden of jays and pigeons who helped themselves to peas and vegetables, should loose some deadly malady among the birds. We should be powerless to prevent it, waiting aghast for a silent spring in which blackbirds, thrushes, warblers and chaffinches would fall silent for ever.

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION, IPSWICH—III

THE PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION OF IPSWICH

By ARTHUR OSWALD

From the varied contents of the museum and art gallery housed in the Christchurch Mansion some of the interesting examples of carved woodwork and painted decoration of the 16th and early 17th centuries have been chosen for illustration.

IN the first two articles on the Christchurch Mansion we have dealt with the history of the house and its owners up to the time when it was acquired for the people of Ipswich in 1894. This concluding article will be devoted to some of the remarkable examples of 16th- and early-17th-century woodwork and painted decoration saved from old Ipswich houses and other Suffolk sources since the Mansion became a museum and art gallery. In 1909 the late Mr. Felix T. Cobbold, who had bought the house and presented it to the town, crowned his gift by bequeathing an endowment fund of £20,000 for the acquisition of works of art and the restoration of the interior of the building. For a period of nearly half a century now the collections have steadily accumulated by gift and purchase.

Though principally of East Anglian interest, they are by no means exclusively so, and in the paintings and drawings of Gainsborough, Constable and Wilson Steer, for instance, the local associations open up much wider vistas. Henry Bright and Thomas Churchyard are two lesser Suffolk painters who are well represented; so is the work of Sir Alfred Munnings and Mr. Leonard Squirrell among living artists. There are also paintings of the Norwich School. The furniture displayed in the hall and many of the rooms is representative of all periods,



1.—THE PORCH AND FORECOURT

and, as the photographs already reproduced have shown, it is skilfully arranged to maintain the character of a country house. There is also a large collection of paintings, drawings and prints of old Ipswich, and these, with examples of corner posts and other carvings saved from demolished houses, make an invaluable record of the town once so rich in timber-framed buildings. To these must be added a late mediæval house and a whole panelled room that have been reconstructed at the back of the Mansion.

This side of the house, after the piecemeal additions made in the 18th and 19th centuries, had no particular architectural importance, and the new extensions have been made where they are least obtrusive. The largest one is the Wolsey Art Gallery, built in 1931 and named after Ipswich's most famous son.

Opening off this is the room containing the early Renaissance carved panelling which was originally in the Ipswich house of the Wingfield family and was bequeathed to the town in 1929 by the late Mr. J. P. Cobbold. This woodwork is among the richest and most interesting examples of its time and deserves to be much better known than it is.

Wingfield House stood in Tacket-street. In 1738 it became the Tankard Inn and in spite of alterations and partial rebuilding it retained a room on the ground floor with this remarkable panelling until 1843, when the best preserved portions were removed by Mr. J. C. Cobbold to his house, Holywells, and there set up in a room especially built to receive them. The romanticised water-colour in the vein of Joseph Nash (Fig. 4) was painted in 1876 by H. Gaye, who based it on an earlier drawing by the Suffolk artist and antiquary, Henry Davy. When Davy drew the room in 1829 it had an elaborate carved ceiling with pendants, but this has not survived.

Two members of the Wingfield family can be associated with this woodwork—Sir Anthony (c. 1485-1552), who was Vice-chamberlain and Captain of the



2.—EARLY RENAISSANCE PANELLING IN THE WINGFIELD ROOM

Guard under Henry VIII and Comptroller of the Household at the beginning of the next reign, and his uncle, Sir Humphrey (died 1545), Speaker of the House of Commons from 1533. They were probably much of an age, for Sir Humphrey was twelfth son of Sir John Wingfield, of Letheringham, and Sir Anthony's father was Sir Humphrey's eldest brother. Both were closely associated with Suffolk and Ipswich and both served as Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, Sir Anthony in 1515-16, Sir Humphrey in 1520-21. The latter took an active part in the establishment of Wolsey's College in Ipswich and after the Cardinal's fall was one of the commissioners appointed to enquire into his possessions in Suffolk. In 1537, as we have seen, he, jointly with Sir Thomas Rushe, obtained a lease of the dissolved Christchurch Priory.

The carved panel over the right-hand door (Fig. 2) displays the quartered arms of Wingfield encircled by the Garter. This must commemorate Sir Anthony, who was made K.G. in 1541. There were also, according to the descriptions, shields encircled by the Garter in the panels of the ceiling, alternating with the pendants. But many of the panels must refer to Sir Humphrey and his wife, Anne, daughter of Sir John Wiseman, of Great Canfield, Essex. The arms in the panel over the door on the left of Fig. 2 are Wingfield with quarterings impaling Wiseman. Wingfield impaling Wiseman occurs also in the lunette on the right and in the panel on the extreme left of Fig. 3, where the initials H and A are carved at the top. The same initials are to be seen on another panel below the Wingfield crest and the Wiseman shield, each device being enclosed in the links of a chain having a scale pattern. On the panel to the left of the fireplace these initials are tied in a love-knot by a cord which is looped in a



3.—THE CARVED OVERMANTEL IN THE WINGFIELD ROOM. THE MIDDLE SUBJECT IS THE JUDGMENT OF PARIS

complicated pattern entwining the branches of a rose-tree (?) in bud. This panel has been associated with Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, but the absence of royal devices makes the suggestion unlikely unless a double allusion was intended, in which case much of the woodwork could definitely be dated within the years 1533-36. Sir Humphrey Wingfield established a branch of the family at Brantham, south-west of Ipswich. He and his nephew may have shared Wingfield House for a time, but it seems to have been owned by Sir Humphrey, who in his will (P.C.C. 23 Alen) refers to his "great messuage" in Ipswich "whiche I purchased of myn Aunte Fastolff." Subject to certain provisions reserving part of the house to his son-in-law and daughter, Alexander and Anne Newton,

during their lives, he left it to his son, Robert, whose grandson, Thomas, sold it in 1619.

Davy's drawing shows the original scheme of the panelling. It does not account for all the woodwork that has been preserved, some of which has a different, more Gothic, character, and may have come from other rooms. There is, for instance, one isolated panel with a scriptural subject—the Devil tempting Christ (bottom right of Fig. 2). The linenfold panels are characteristically English, but these may always have accompanied the Renaissance carving: Davy shows areas of the walls where carving is not indicated but where there may have been linenfold.

In considering the Renaissance carving one cannot fail to be struck by the analogies with the screen and stalls in King's College Chapel erected between 1533 and 1536. The motives common to both include the turned candelabra supports (seen here flanking the overmantel), the lunettes under semi-circular arches between pilasters, the classic sections of the mouldings and the runs of arabesques in the sunk panels. The carving at King's is, of course, much more refined and accomplished, and the comparison is useful mainly for the questions of dating and the provenance of the carvers; but this Wingfield room is remarkable for the extent to which not only Renaissance detail but a Renaissance architectural scheme is followed. It has been ascribed to carvers from the region of Rouen, and as between the Netherlands and Northern France the latter supplies the nearer parallels. Both Wingfields will have been in touch with French fashions. Sir Anthony was at the Field of the Cloth of Gold and served in France in 1523 under his cousin, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk; Sir Humphrey had been chamberlain to Suffolk's wife, Mary, the former Queen of France, and had lived in her household.

The long carved overmantel of the fireplace—a bas-relief in wood—must be one of



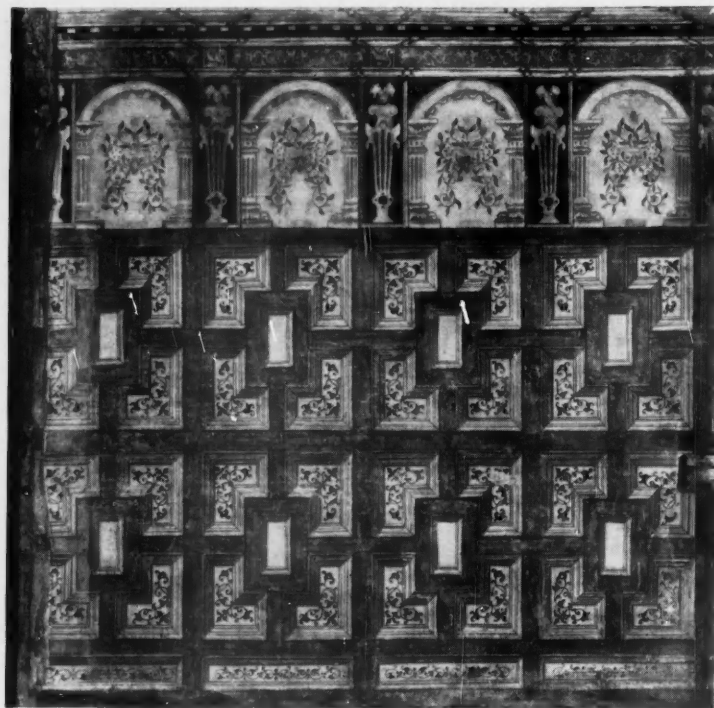
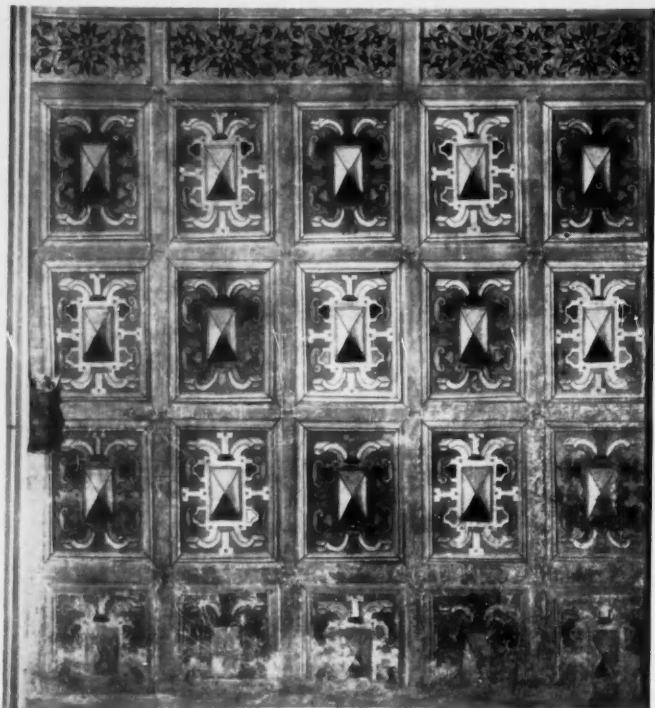
4.—WATER-COLOUR BY H. GAYE, BASED ON A DRAWING BY HENRY DAVY, SHOWING THE ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE PANELLING IN A ROOM AT WINGFIELD HOUSE, IPSWICH, LATER THE TANKARD INN



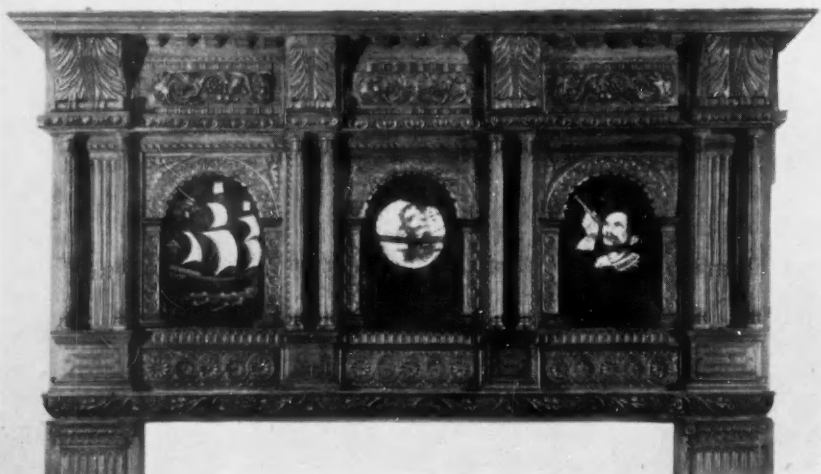
5.—JACOBEOAN BED AND LINENFOLD PANELLING IN THE WING WHICH COMPRISES A RECONSTRUCTED TIMBER HOUSE FROM MAJOR'S CORNER

the earliest in England to display subjects from classical mythology. There are three scenes, but only two have so far been identified. In the centre is the Contest of Beauty. Dr. L. D. Ettlinger has pointed out to me that it is represented in the form which the story takes in the late Middle Ages and as it is portrayed by Cranach, for instance. Paris, a reclining figure in armour, sees in a dream the three goddesses approaching, led by Mercury, who holds the apple of discord; Cupid with his dart flies overhead. On the right there is a seated figure of a man playing a lute while three naked ladies dance in front of him. This must be intended for Apollo and the Three Graces. The third scene, on the left, separated by a Renaissance fountain, shows the back view of two travellers on horseback beside a house with a figure standing in the door, and in the background there is a temple in which three figures are kneeling before the image or apparition of a female figure, only the upper half of which is shown. Some of the best carving in the room is seen in the panels with arabesques and other Renaissance motives. In the doors there is a series of Renaissance heads in the dallions or under arches, some in profile, some full-face with the heads protruding.

In 1923 a timber-framed house which stood at Major's Corner in Ipswich had to be demolished, and it was decided to reconstruct it at Christchurch, where



6 and 7.—EARLY-17th-CENTURY WALL DECORATION PAINTED IN IMITATION OF PANELLING. IT WAS FORMERLY AT CUMBERLAND LODGE, IPSWICH



8.—CARVED AND PAINTED OVERMANTEL FROM THE HOUSE OF THOMAS ELDRED, WHO SAILED ROUND THE WORLD WITH CAVENDISH IN 1586-88

it now forms a wing projecting from the north porch and cased in walls of hand-made bricks to harmonise. A date about 1500 is suggested by the woodwork, which includes the floors, the moulded cross-beams and joists of ceilings, the timber roof, windows with wood mullions and some fine linenfold panelling. The first-floor room (Fig. 5) makes a delightful setting for old oak furniture, which includes some notable pieces. The earliest of several carved chests is an interesting example of rustic English craftsmanship, which has carved on it two of the Black Prince's badges, the ostrich feather and the dry stock with leafy shoot, punning on Woodstock. The Jacobean bed is notable for the unusual design of the posts, carved with a close pattern of leaves almost like scales.

The carved overmantel (Fig. 8), now in the Wolsey Gallery, came from the house of Thomas Eldred, the Ipswich mariner, who accompanied Thomas Cavendish in his voyage round the world. The three arched panels contain paintings of his ship, the globe and himself using a sighting instrument. Under the globe is the legend: "He that travels ye world about seeth Gods Wonders & Gods Works. Thomas Eldred traveled ye world about and went out of



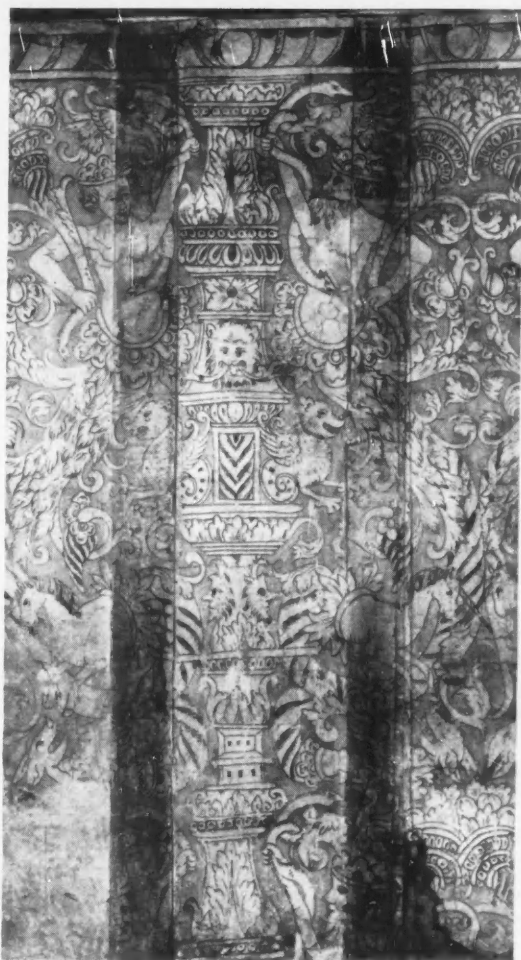
9 and 10.—PAINTED PANELLING IN THE PORCH ROOM, ORIGINALLY AT HAWSTED PLACE, NEAR BURY ST. EDMUNDS. The subjects are taken from books of emblems. Early 17th century

Plimouth ye 21 of July 1586 & arrived in Plimouth again the 9 of September 1588."

Surviving examples of painted wall decoration of the 16th and 17th centuries are often in a fragmentary condition, but those to be seen at Christchurch are unusually well preserved. Fig. 11 is of the class called "antick work" by contemporary writers. An all-over design is made up of favourite early Renaissance motives—vase and candelabra forms flanked by scrollwork, out of which emerge grotesque figures, human, animal and monstrous: in this instance, the human figures hold a cornucopia in one hand and grasp a serpent with the other. Such decoration was popular for at least half a century and a number of examples have been recorded. This one came from the Red House, Sproughton, outside Ipswich.

Another type of wall decoration popular in Elizabethan and Jacobean times was imitation panelling, of which Figs. 6 and 7 are two admirably preserved examples from Cumberland Lodge, Ipswich. Both have been illustrated by Mr. F. W. Reader in *The Archaeological Journal*, vol. xcvi, Plates xiii and xvi, where a number of specimens are shown, including several of the type seen in Fig. 6, in which each panel has a cartouche with strapwork and a faceted "jewel" represented in relief. In Fig. 7 a more elaborate type of Jacobean panelling is imitated with remarkable verisimilitude and delicacy.

The room over the entrance porch (Fig. 1) is lined with painted panelling of early-17th-century date, purchased in 1924 at the Hardwick House sale. Forming a frieze at the top, there are mottoes with strapwork ornaments; at the bottom are panels painted with flowers, perhaps taken from a herbal. Each of the other



11.—PAINTED DECORATION FROM THE RED HOUSE, SPROUGHTON. Second half of the 16th century

panels is painted with an emblematic picture accompanied by a Latin motto. The panelling was originally in a closet or oratory at Hawsted Place, the seat of the Drurys near Bury St. Edmunds, and was moved to Hardwick House after they had made that their principal abode. There are illustrations and a list of the emblems, 41 in number, in Sir John Cullum's *History and Antiquities of Hawsted and Hardwick* (2nd ed., 1813). They were probably commissioned by Sir Robert Drury, of Hawsted or his widow, for whom Donne wrote *The First and Second Anniversary*, commemorating the death of their daughter, Elizabeth.

It would seem that the artist did not confine himself to one book of emblems but used a number of sources. Sir John Cullum traced one emblem to Gabriel Simeon, whose book was translated into English in 1591; Miss Rosemary Freeman has found an exact parallel in Whitney and several others in Wither. "They have as a whole," she notes, "a distinctly metaphysical turn." Some are far-fetched and obscure; others obvious enough, as, for instance, the two rams fighting, with the motto *Nec habet Victoria laudem* (Fig. 10, bottom right). Next to this is a ship anchored to a whale, with the motto *Nusquam tuta fides*. Milton may have had in mind this emblem in the image which follows his mention of Leviathan in *Paradise Lost*:

Him, haply slum'ring on the Norway foam,
The pilot of some small night-founder'd skiff,
Deeming some island, oft, as seamen tell,
With fixed anchor in his scaly rind,
Moors by his side, under the lee.
But the artist has turned the skiff into a galleon.

THE CODDIE OF BARRA

Written and Illustrated by ALASDAIR ALPIN MACGREGOR

None throughout the length and breadth of the West Highlands and Islands can be better known than the Coddie, *alias* John MacPherson, who resides at Northbay, in the Hebridean isle of Barra. For every person who can identify him by his real name, ten recognise him only by his nickname. Indeed, there must be many to whom the name John MacPherson would convey little. As the Coddie he is known far beyond even Scotland. He is very proud of his nickname, and readily recites the manner in which he came by it. "I got that title in school," he tells one. "A lot of us received by-names the day I got mine; and every one of them has stuck. I soon realised the aptness of my own, and that, if ever I went into business, it would stand me in good stead. And, indeed, it has!"

No one need memorise the Coddie's telephone number. Pick up the receiver anywhere in the Outer Hebrides, and ask for the Coddie: in a gliff you will be put through. Every telephonist in these parts has his phone number by heart—his phone numbers, one ought to say, since he indulges in an alternative one. When he is not to be had at the one, the telephonist rings the other without further instruction.

"Telegraphic or telephonic address the soul of brevity!" the Coddie declares with emphasis. "Two words—Coddie, Barra—will find me from any part of the world."

The extent to which this interesting and unusual mortal makes use of his nickname may be judged from the sheet of his headed notepaper lying before me as I write of him. On this sheet are some fragments of island folk-lore he set down for me recently. It is headed thus: TIGH A' CHODDIE, NORTHBAY, ISLE OF BARRA, the top line signifying House of the Coddie, and the last word of it aspirated in accordance with Gaelic orthography so as to denote the genitive or possessive case.

Who is the Coddie, one may ask, and what does he do? What office or offices does he fill? To these questions the shortest answer must surely be a catalogue of his interests and activities.

The Coddie is, among much else, merchant, postmaster at Northbay, county councillor, boarding-housekeeper, the life and soul of the northern half of his native isle, where he reigns omnipotent and omniscient, raconteur, repository of ancient legends and traditions, deplorer of the way in which the printed word has drowned the age-long art of story-telling, as he puts it, singer of traditional Gaelic songs,



THE CODDIE, THE LIFE AND SOUL OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF BARRA

perfidious Jacobite and representative in Barra of British European Airways.

With the Coddie you can book your passage from Barra to Glasgow—"from Barra to America, or Australia, if you like," as he is in the habit of impressing upon those who may appear uncertain as to how important a personage he is in the sphere of civil aviation. His car, usually driven by his son, Angus, awaits all planes alighting on the sands of the Great Cockle Shore of Barra, ready to transport passengers to any corner of his native isle served by a road or even a cart-track. In response to a telephone call, and in payment of twenty good shillings, Angus will pick you up at Castlebay, motor you past his father's doorstep at Northbay, and deposit you a few minutes later on the fringe of the Cockle Shore as the drone of the plane approaching from the Scottish mainland is heard in the heavens. Angus times his journeys to a nicety.

As provider of accommodation for visitors at Northbay in his small boarding-house, the Coddie brings himself into amiable contact with all manner of travellers among the Isles. In his capacity as merchant he deals in every marketable commodity under the sun. Everything from a handful of haddies to a ton of coal; "anything from a needle to a haystack," as he himself would say. When you see a puffer unloading a cargo of coal by the jetty at Northbay, you may be certain that such cargo has come all the way from some Firth of Clyde port, consigned to the Coddie. "Coal galore for Barra, to the Coddie's orders!" as he himself may be heard saying when the puffer's siren announces her arrival at Northbay.

The Coddie's performance in the field of local transport has always been a matter of considerable satisfaction to him. I believe he was the first person in Barra to avail himself of the thrilling advantages of internal combustion. Where the hiring of his cars is concerned, it is all one to him whether they are at the disposal of those arriving at Castlebay by the mail-boat, or of those descending from the skies upon the Cockle Shore. Given a few minutes in which to turn matters over in his mind, he will arrange water transport, too. Anyone desirous of crossing the Sound of Barra to Eriskay or to South Uist usually applies in the first instance to the Coddie. Likewise with the scientists—geologists, botanists, zoologists, ornithologists, archaeologists—wishing to explore Fuday or Fiary, Gighay or Hellisay, Fuiary or Flodday, or any of the other 50 uninhabited isles and islets situated off Northbay. All persons on such business must enlist the help of the resourceful Coddie if they would successfully explore any of these.

One autumn day some years ago, when pedalling quietly past the post-office door at Northbay, I saw the Coddie seated on a box well inside, but not so far removed as to render him unable to see all who went by, and to hear a snatch of any conversation in which passers-by might be engaged. Hardly anyone fares this way who hasn't business to transact with the Coddie at some time or other; and no one travels through Northbay unnoticed by this lynx-eyed islander.

"Will you be looking for myself?" he asked from his doorstep, having by this time quitted his perch to come into the daylight, as would a sentry charged with seeing that no unauthorised person slipped by, unchallenged. I alighted and retreated but a few steps, in order to satisfy his ardent curiosity, as well as my own.

"Have I seen you here before? . . . Yes, I think I must have! Let me see now! You'll be Alasdair Alpin MacGregor, searching the islands the way you were doing when last I saw you here at Northbay, twenty years ago. You were staying with old William MacGillivray at the time, over at Eoligarry, yonder. I heard you were in the place right enough. You were seen crossing the Cockle Strand on a bicycle only the other day there, going over to see Donald Campbell, the school-master. And did Donald make music for you?"

I replied, in the brief moment allowed me, that Donald did.

"Man! but Donald's the boy for the music! The Barramen have a lot of music in them, as you know yourself; but Donald—och! he's full o' music. Aye, full to overflowing. They tell me that, when he was teaching in Eriskay over, the folk never heard such fine singing. No, not even in Father Allan's time."

"Yes," proceeded the Coddie in a change of vein, "I see you're eyeing the casks."



THE COAST OF BARRA, LOOKING TOWARDS THE ISLANDS OF GIGHAY AND HELLISAY. In the foreground is the old farm-house of Eoligarry, where the MacGillivray family lived

By his doorway stood three full casks—three full half-casks, I should say—of cured herrings. From their lids I saw that they had come all the way from Fraserburgh.

"Aye, I know fine what's in your mind," he continued. "Twenty year ago, as you well remember, Castlebay was still a centre of the herring fishing industry, and we did so much curing ourselves. Och, aye! We were sending our barrels of cured herrings away by the ten thousand every year, all over the world, even to the great New York. And now devil a herring gets cured in our midst. We have to import them now, even for our own consumption. The fishermen and their boats are all gone from Castlebay, and from Northbay too; but the rings are in the rocks yet, and will be there for many a day—a sad reminder of more prosperous times."

The Coddie told me that, in his view, the decay of Castlebay as a fishing port was due to mismanagement, but here intervened another theme. He had cocked his ear to the heavens. I thought at first that he had detected the approach of a plane about to land on the

remarkable for the variety of its wild flowers. The Coddie likes to remind one of the professor of botany in whose company he once landed on this island. As they reclined on the grass, "the professor says to me, says he, that, 'Though I've been round and round the world, I've never seen such a variety of wild flowers in so small a space as that lying round about us this day'."

Fuday, by the way, has its ghost. Some years ago, according to the Coddie, while a number of young men were arranging in bundles the rushes they had cut on the island, this ghost made itself known to one of them, and in so doing passed on to him a traditional secret concerning the family to which they both belonged. The person to whom the ghost communicated this secret was a schoolmate of the Coddie. He still recalls the incident clearly.

The Coddie, when story-telling, likes to have in his hand the long bamboo stick which occupies a prominent and privileged position in a corner of his house at Northbay. He will often interrupt his narrative to fetch this magic wand, as he describes it, since it inspires him, he says, and gives him remarkable fluency both in

famous drink of the '45, was consumed for the first time on Scottish soil, while Malcolm MacNeil stood by, playing the pipes. The secret of drambuie, the Coddie declares, came with the Prince from France; and this secret was left in the Isle of Skye by one of the Prince's followers. According to the inexhaustible Coddie, the descendants of those to whom the secret was confided still carry on the drambuie business in Edinburgh. Not so long ago, as he himself is proud to relate, he wrote to tell them what they had not known before about their historic drambuie!

"Let me hear more about Malcolm MacNeil, the Prince's pilot," I now interposed, remembering that the Coddie's mother was a MacNeil, and that he himself bears a striking resemblance to old General MacNeil, "the second-best-looking man on the battlefield of Waterloo," as the Coddie must always add. The general, who was born in 1788 and died in 1863, was the last of the MacNeils of Barra to reside in the island of his ancestors. He lived in old Eoligarry House, set down among the rounded pastures of the northern extremity of Barra.



HIGH TIDE AT ARDMORE, ON THE COCKLE SHORE, WITH BEN EOLIGARRY IN THE BACKGROUND

Great Cockle Shore. But it wasn't a plane. "I was thinking it was the first of the barnacle geese on their way to winter with us," he remarked. "But no! It's a bittie early for them yet. They don't arrive usually in these parts till October; and they stay among us until April or May. Then a fine day comes, and all the barnacles assemble on Fuday, over. At a given signal from their commandos, up they rise into the sky in one tremendous flock; and off they go, Arcticwards, in wedge-shaped formation, their commandos leading them. Man! but it's a grand sight. Well, we'll be expecting the barnacles back before long."

Here the Coddie interrupted his discourse to take a pinch of snuff from his mull, and to offer me one.

The barnacles come in October to all the isles in the north of Barra—to Hellisay and Gighay, to Flodday, Fuiary and Fuday, particularly to the last-mentioned because of the richness of its pasture. "There's grand grazing for the barnacles on Fuday," the Coddie added. "It carries eighty to ninety head of cattle all the year round; and they don't get one straw of wintering, for so good is the grass there."

Fuday, one ought to mention, is also

English and in Gaelic. This stick, he tells one, would indeed be eloquent, if only it could speak! In the days of the Highland Clearances it belonged to the landlord occupying Eoligarry and the lands impinging upon it at the north end of Barra. He carried it as the emblem of this harsh authority.

When seated with the Coddie round his ample peat-fire at Northbay of an evening, you will find it difficult to keep him to the matter in hand. On the smallest pretext he turns the conversation in the direction of Prince Charlie, or of Flora MacDonald, or of Malcolm MacNeil, the Prince's pilot, a native of Gigha, in Argyllshire. It was Malcolm—Calum, as he would be called in the Gaelic—who brought *La Doulette* into the bay at Eriskay, but a few miles distant from the Coddie's own threshold, and got him ashore on that strip of beach known ever since as the Prince's Strand.

"Let us now get on to the Prince!" is a familiar interjection of the Coddie's when his interest in the matter under discussion begins to flag. Prince Charlie and his attendants, he will proceed to tell you, celebrated their landing on Eriskay with a big spread. On the very spot where they had their spread, drambuie, the

"Several years after the landing in Eriskay," the Coddie continued, "Calum MacNeil fought alongside MacNeil of Barra on the Heights of Abraham. Barra was wounded, and Calum stood by him for the long period of seven weeks, acting as piper and butler to him until he recovered."

If anywhere one may learn of Prince Charlie as though he had landed in Scotland but yesterday, it is assuredly round the Coddie's peat-fire of an evening, when he is free from the distractions of his manifold enterprises. One might imagine, indeed, that the Prince, under cover of darkness, had knocked at the Coddie's door the night before, seeking food and shelter, confidence and fidelity. Little wonder old William MacGillivray, the last to farm Eoligarry, entrusted to him the solemn duty of conveying to safe custody, on the mainland, the ancient set of bagpipes said to have been played at Culloden. The day the Coddie was entrusted with the transfer of the MacGillivray pipes was the proudest in his life. He felt that a sacred duty had been imposed upon him, and one which he had perhaps merited through his life-long devotion to all that concerns Bonnie Prince Charlie.

COCHEE THE FOUNDLING

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COCHEE was brought into the house by the gardener in August. He (as was assumed) must have been about two months old and had evidently fallen from the top of one of the fir trees behind the stables where herons have nested for years. An old census report of over a hundred years ago describes the heronry and says there were then more than twenty nests. The colony has since decreased, but has never died out. Every spring five or six pairs still return to repair the ravages of the winter gales, and provide a magnificent sight as they fly to and fro, bringing sticks to add to the already bulky piles and indulging in the endless quarrels and displays which seem inseparable from any sort of communal life.

Cochee was weak and spindly, an awkward mass of feathers with seemingly too long legs and disproportionately large beak; half starved and bewildered, he bore little resemblance to the sleek dignified adults in their tree tops. From the first he had no fear of anyone or anything and quickly settled down among the rest of the household livestock. The cat, after one alarmed glance, left him severely alone and never ventured near the even then fearsome beak, while the dogs, seeing he was accepted by the household, walked by out of range stiff-legged, pretending to ignore him completely.

The ducks, other aquatic birds, were accepted as fellow members of the avian aristocracy and could waddle by with impunity, but with the hens it was a different matter and even the cock had to yield pride of place, if not on the dung-hill, at least in the stable yard behind the back door.

It was there, behind the back door, that Cochee's life was centred. He spent the whole day watching it with insatiable appetite and pestering for an endless supply of food anyone who came out. Fish of all and every sort, dog's meat, cat's meat, the insides of chickens and rabbits, nothing came amiss, and with outspread wings and crouching body he would beg for more. Before the door was first opened in the early morning and the pails were collected for milking he would be waiting and watching, and



COCHEE, A TAME HERON, CHATTERING EXCITEDLY AT THE PROSPECT OF A FISH MEAL

the first sounds of anyone stirring would bring him down from the top of the farm-yard wall where he roosted to his point of vantage on the water tank beside the door. There he would stay, jumping down to the feet of anyone entering or leaving, keeping up his endless cries until he was given his morning meal.

A short interval of peace followed while he sat motionless, except for an occasional gulp as he digested his breakfast. This process was all too rapid, and he would soon return, ever demanding more. As he grew older his appetite grew proportionately, but after he had gorged himself, at least there was a longer period of blessed relief while he was satisfied.

Nearly every summer for years past young herons which have fallen from their nests have been found and brought to the house to be reared. At first they would be content to accept the food provided, but by the time they were three or four months old they would begin foraging on their own and by the beginning of winter they would have rejoined the rest of the colony and would be seen no more until the winter was past. Then, one day in early March, a grey figure would be seen circling over the garden and then planing down out of the skies to settle on the lawn and wait with strange confidence for some tit-bit to be produced. This was the first true sign of spring, and thereafter once or twice more would the former orphans return; but with the rearing of their own broods they seemed to forget their own upbringing and regain their instinctive fear of man.

Cochee, however, had different ideas. He was younger than most of the former orphans and seemed to have adopted the human race as foster-parents. As he grew his dependence on the household appeared to remain complete. Sometimes he would be seen standing forlornly in the

middle of a field beside the house, ignoring his kin flapping slowly overhead down to the lough to fish, and sometimes he would sit on top of the barn, apparently bathed in melancholy, aloof from the hubbub in the yard below, but the rest of the time he would still haunt the back door.

Providing sustenance for a Cochee even in ration-free Ireland is no inexpensive business, so when he was eight months old it was decided it was time he caught his own food. He could fly well by this time, and so was taken down one fine sunny morning to the shore of the lough, where his brethren fished, and left on the uncovered mud. As the car drove away he could be seen retreating before the incoming tide, delicately picking up his feet and withdrawing to more solid ground. When the car got back to the house after two miles of Irish lanes, there was Cochee waiting as usual beside the back door, demanding food. Two or three similar expeditions were enough to convince everyone of the uselessness of expecting Cochee to find his own living and the Zoo began to be mentioned more and more frequently.

However, tragedy nearly intervened and earned him a reprieve. He was found one morning in the yard with a leg broken near the bottom of the tarsus. How it happened no one knows, but he was probably knocked over by one of the dogs rushing out of the door. With his leg dangling, he was a pitiable sight, but he appeared to be otherwise unharmed, so it was decided to put a splint on the injured limb. He seemed to sense, when caught, that people were trying to help him and, though he struggled violently, he never attempted to use his beak except to protest loudly. A careful examination showed that, though the break was near the joint, it was a clean one. Two bamboo splints were made and tied on securely, and then once more he was set free. For a few days he moped and sat dejectedly in the yard, but his appetite never deserted him and soon he was hopping happily around on one leg and lording it over his kingdom again.

His first attempts at taking off were undignified failures, but he soon evolved a one-legged technique. Three hops and he would be in the air, flapping off with his broken leg trailing behind. Landing was more difficult and somewhat of an ordeal, but that too he soon managed, coming in a low flat glide and then



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: COCHEE GULPING DOWN THE SEVENTH FISH AT ONE SITTING

touching down on his good leg and coming to a lurching halt in a series of decreasing hops.

It was at this stage of Cochee's career that I took up coarse fishing. Trout I had fished for without any conspicuous success for years in various parts of the world, but my only attempts at catching anything else had been surreptitiously at school in the Lakes on Sunday afternoons when the main excitement lay in knowledge of the consequences of being caught.

A marl hole, from which had been dug the material for making the walls of the local cottages, lay behind Cochee's home, and it was there that I was despatched with a rod and a supply of dough to catch his supper. The muddy waters revealed no sign of life, but remembering my instructions I baited the hook with a small lump of dough and swung out the cork, which acted as a float, to land a few yards from the bank. With visions of patient anglers I had seen lining canal banks I was prepared to wait for hours staring at the float, but no sooner had it landed than it started gently bobbing up and down, so I struck. It was not a success. A small silvery body shot through the air over my head and landed with a splash ten yards away in another inlet of the pool, and I spent the next ten minutes retrieving hook, cast and float from the top of some very prickly thorn bushes.

The remaining "roacheen" did not appear to have missed their comrade, and the next cast resulted in a fine little fish flapping on the bank. The rudd, for that is what he was in spite of his local name, was a beautiful little fellow with red fins and tail, silvery underneath and with an olive-brown back which turned to steely blue as the scales dried in the sun.

An hour's excitement, when every cast brought back either a fish or an empty hook with the bait nibbled away, resulted in two dozen little fish being brought back to the house. Their total weight is immaterial—it would have been a pity to have broken any records at one's first attempt and I was certainly in no danger of doing so.

Cochee was chairman and sole representative of the reception committee, and was most appreciative of my efforts. As each roacheen was held out he seized it across the middle and gave it a toss into the air to catch it lengthwise. Then with a swallow it disappeared head first down his throat. The first ten were disposed of in almost as many seconds, but then, as the limit of his capacity was neared, the next went down only after four straining gulps and much stretching of the neck and could be seen as a bulge in his throat as he attempted one more. The first swallow resulted only in its head disappearing. Cochee then spat it out on to the gravel, picked it up and tried again. At the third attempt all that could be seen was a small red tail sticking out of the side of his half opened beak. With a strained look on his face and a general appearance of the morning after, he stalked away to stand motionless in the sun, save for an occasional gulp, to await the settling of his meal.

Though doubtless he could have eaten more, it was decided then that three meals a day of seven or eight fish each were sufficient for him. Even this number took some catching, and on a sunny morning when the roacheen could be seen in the marl hole basking just below the surface in their hundreds and the first cast was sufficient to send them swirling to the bottom, Cochee's food had to be found elsewhere.

Sometimes he would come to the marl hole himself, as if to superintend the procurement of his meal. With hops on his uninjured leg interspersed with short flights when he was getting left behind, he would follow across the meadow to take up his stand beside the angler.

His attitude would then become strictly one of non-co-operation. Even when a roacheen was struggling on the end of the line no excitement was apparent, only a slight curiosity as he straightened his neck to peer down into the water and then relaxed once more to await the outcome. This aloof attitude soon changed, however, when the little silvery fish was safely landed; then with an excited chattering, he would rush towards it and jump into the air while the hook was being removed. The chattering would cease only when he had gulped down the fish, and then once more he would relapse into aloofness.

Cochee seemed completely to lack any

firmly shut after one Friday when two of the family sat eating a fishless lunch and eyeing malevolently a gorged Cochee on the wall outside.

While the horses were being groomed he would come into the stable and watch, sitting on the heaped-up bedding in the corner of the box, as though to see the job was being done properly. None of the horses paid any attention to him as with quiet dignified steps he stalked in and out of their stables. Even the young thoroughbred filly, who would jump across the road if a wren rustled in the hedgerow, accepted him as the least unpleasant feature of the ticklish daily routine.

By the middle of January the wild herons had started to think of nesting once more, and at last light large shadowy forms would flit in to roost in the tall trees down the avenue. Once darkness fell and all noise in the house ceased, their penetrating *kryarks* could be heard disturbing the stillness of the night. Curiously enough, they did not congregate at this stage in the heronry itself for these preliminaries to courtship. The avenue acted as a sort of club house and it was only later when it was time to start rebuilding that the pairs began revisiting the old nests.

The latent instincts of Cochee must have at last been aroused by hearing these preparatory sounds of breeding, for she (to give her what was now obviously the correct sex) began collecting sticks, and laying half a dozen of them in a rough circle on the gravel just outside the back door. Each day for about a week, she re-arranged these few sticks whenever, inevitably, they got disturbed by the continual traffic, canine and human, through the back door. Then one morning, after a night of frost, she was found to be sitting. She soon rose stiffly off the ground and revealed, in the midst of a circle kept dry by her body, two round pebbles.

During the day Cochee visited her nest at intervals, replacing any of the sticks which had been moved and picking up the pebbles one at a time in her beak and putting them down again in the middle of the circle of sticks.

For the rest of the time her behaviour was, as before, mainly centred on food. One day she was given a large rat. After one or two ineffectual attempts to swallow it whole, she deposited it at my feet with much kek-keking and, standing on her toes and flapping her wings, invited me to cut it up. A spade soon did the job, whereupon she picked up each piece in turn and walked over to a drain which was full of water, where she gave it a good wash to get rid of the gravel clinging to the fur, before swallowing it.

When I left a few days later, Cochee had settled to a routine of brooding her "eggs" by night, in spite of the hard frosts, but leaving the nest as soon as she was disturbed in the morning. During the day, except for the periodical tidying up, she ignored it until the time came to settle down for the night.

It seemed as though her maternal instincts had been aroused only to a certain extent by the courtship of the wild birds near by, rather in the way that a child mothers a doll, but that the full breeding instinct, which should have tempted her to fly away and find a mate, had become suppressed through her adoption of the human race as foster-parents.

It was this trust of the human race and lack of fear which, as was almost inevitable, shortly afterwards caused her death. She followed someone into the garage, and, as the car reversed out, it went over her. So the agent which initially saved her from slow starvation ultimately was to cause her mercifully swift death.



"WE SAW THE FAMILIAR FIGURE STANDING MOTIONLESS ON THE WALL"

instinct which should have urged him to catch his own food, and even when picked up and placed in the shallows on the edge of the pond would refuse to stay in the water, let alone make any effort to fish.

It was not until the following Christmas that I saw Cochee again. I had almost forgotten about him until we drove into the yard and saw the familiar grey figure standing motionless on the wall.

The summer months had passed and he'd still shown no inclination to leave. He had, however, started to be a little more independent, and would sometimes vanish for a day or two at a stretch. On these occasions there would be reports of his being seen in the shallows of some pool and going through all the motions, or rather immobility, of fishing. I cannot think, however, that he can have been very successful for two reasons. The first is that when he did return his cries for food were as persistent as ever. With a bird of his appetite this would not be conclusive, but his favourite pool was a shallow crystal-clear pond among fir trees and renowned locally as the only one with no fish in it.

Round the house he was as tame as ever, and would now venture down the passage to the kitchen if anyone inadvertently left the door open, and would leave only with much squawking and protests. The larder, too, had to be kept

THE DARTMOUTH BUTTERWALK RESTORED

IN 1943 the Butterwalk at Dartmouth was severely damaged by bombs dropped close by, and there were some fears that it might be demolished. Fortunately, the structure itself was only slightly affected, and first-aid measures were taken by the Ancient Monuments Department of the Ministry of Works. Later, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, at the request of Dartmouth Corporation, prepared a scheme for reconditioning and adapting the premises to present-day use. This has formed the basis of the careful work of repair and restoration which was undertaken in 1953 and completed this year. A grant of £3,000 from the Pilgrim Trust made a valuable addition to the sum received for war damage.

The Butterwalk by the quay has for over three centuries been a charming feature of Dartmouth, and with its overhanging upper storeys built out on a colonnade invites comparison with the similar buildings at Totnes also called the Butterwalk. The site was reclaimed from the river early in the 17th century. During excavations a mooring ring was found built into a cross wall at the back of the building, indicating the position of the wharf before the reclamation.

The range of houses was built in two stages, the western pair (nearest the spectator in Fig. 1)

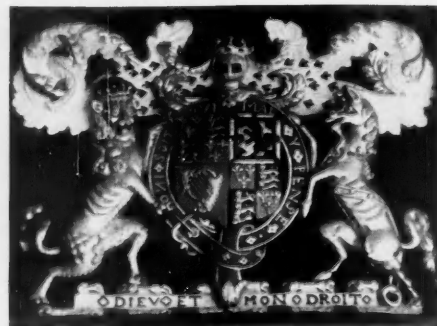
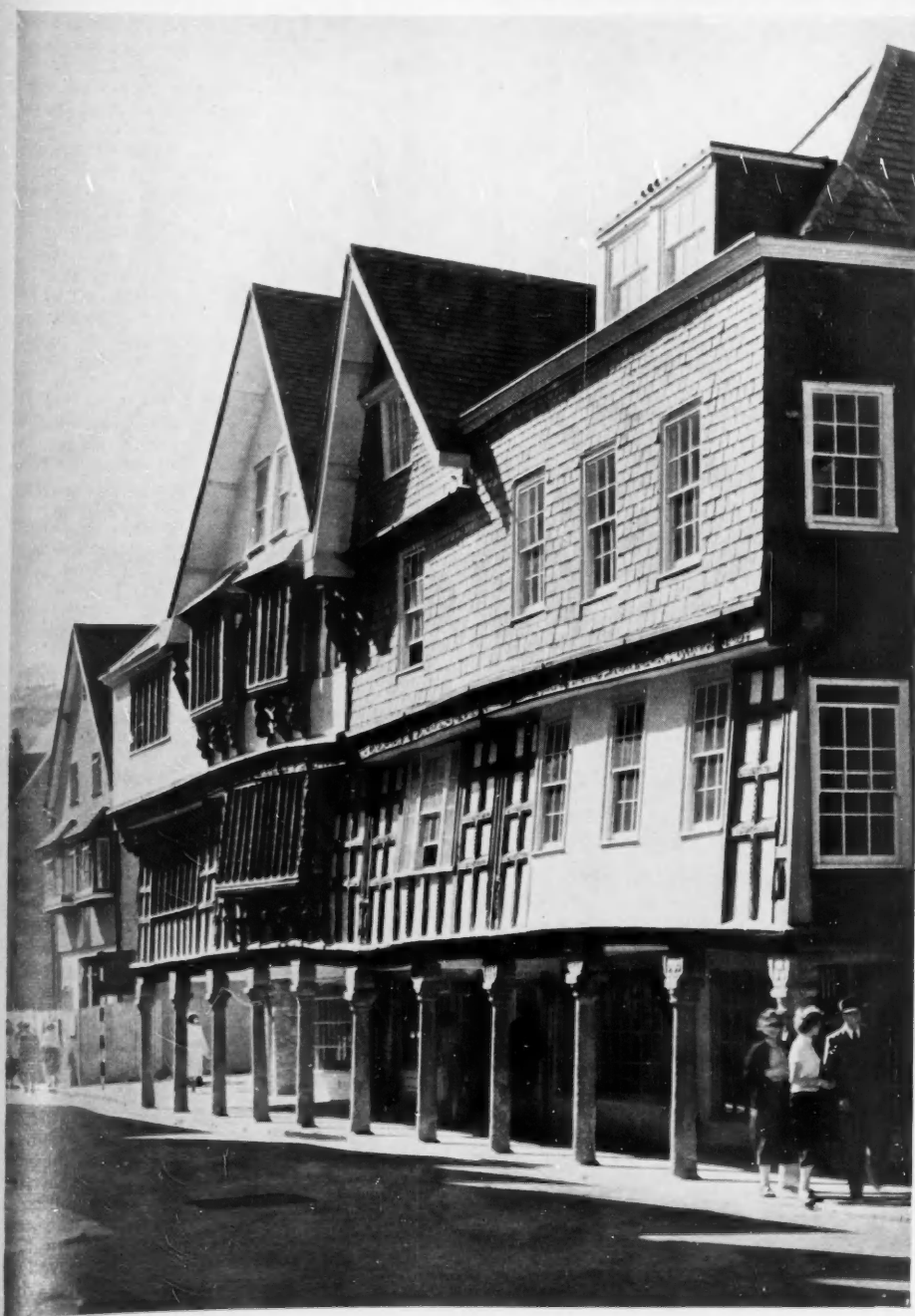


1.—THE BUTTERWALK IN THE EARLY YEARS OF LAST CENTURY. (Left) 2.—THE SOUTH FRONT AFTER THE RECENT REPAIRS

in 1635 by Mark Hawkins, a wealthy merchant of the town, the pair nearer the present quay in 1640 by John Budley, afterwards mayor. These dates occur on the colonnade along the south front. The original leases were granted by the Corporation, which has held the properties ever since. Budley's houses were built more economically with less elaborate detail, since Hawkins had been unable to meet the costs he had incurred. Some alterations to the row were made in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when sashes were substituted for many of the original mullioned windows, much of the timber framing was covered with plaster or slating and the two end gables were replaced by hipped roofs (Figs. 2 and 4). A coffee-house built at the river end about 1670 was pulled down in the 19th century.

In the repair of the front some of the original woodwork previously hidden has been left exposed. It has been found that much of the carved wood is not oak but fir, no doubt imported. As the granite columns without the carved blocks on their capitals would be only 6 ft. high, it has been suggested that they may have been brought from an older building and that the blocks have been added to give extra head-room.

As now restored, the buildings provide four shops on the ground floor, and they have been given attractive windows with small panes. The interior has been modernised without interference with old features or partitions which were of interest. The two upper floors have been converted to maisonettes. The first-floor room of the easternmost house is now occupied by the Borough Museum, in which there are exhibits of local and maritime interest. These include



3.—ROYAL COAT-OF-ARMS, PROBABLY OF JAMES I



4 and 5.—LOOKING EAST ALONG THE ROW TO-DAY AND BEFORE THE WAR. (Right) 6.—CARVED WOODWORK ON THE LEAST ALTERED PART OF THE FRONT

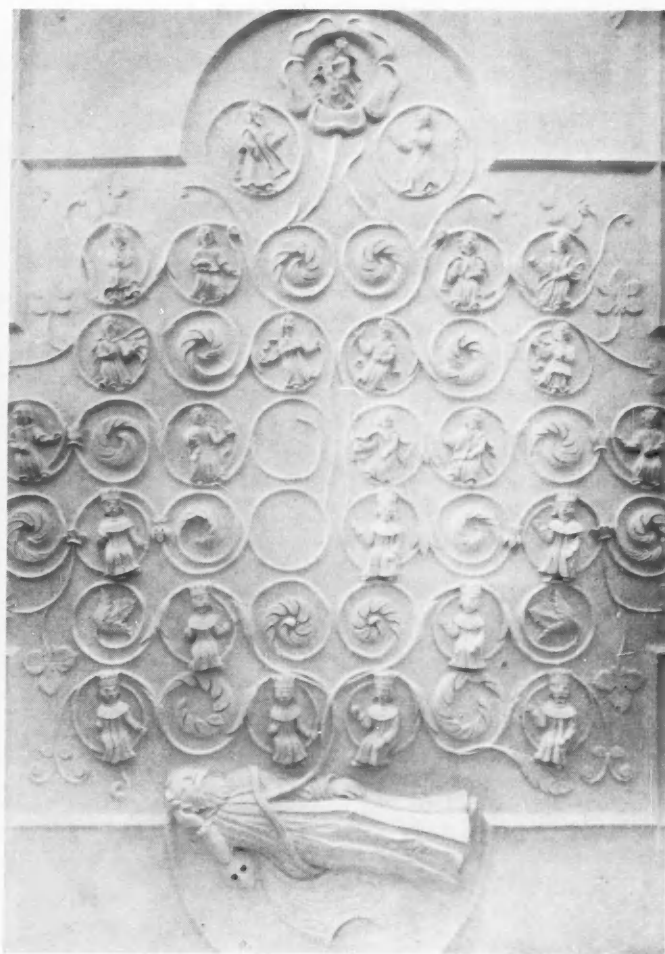
items associated with Thomas Newcomen (1663-1729), inventor of the atmospheric steam-engine and a native of Dartmouth. A visitors' register for members of the Newcomen Society of England and America is kept in the room. It used to be known as the King Charles room, because Charles II is reputed to have been entertained in it when he visited Dartmouth in 1671. The royal coat-of-arms over the fireplace (Fig. 3) has been identified as probably that of James I and, it is thought, may originally have

been in the church. It is now painted in the true heraldic colours.

The houses, like several of those of Totnes, are notable for their plasterwork. An overmantel surmounting a granite fireplace in a first-floor room (Fig. 7) is modelled with the scene of Pentecost flanked by figures of Moses and David. In another room there is a Jesse ceiling (Fig. 8). The pattern of scrolls emerging from the reclining figure of Jesse embraces rows of little figures ending with the Mother of Jesus

and the Babe in her arms. There is a Tudor feeling about the design remarkable for work of Charles I's reign.

Dartmouth has every reason to be proud of the way in which its Butterwalk has been repaired and restored to use. Messrs. David Nye and Partners were the architects responsible for the work so carefully carried out. Thanks are due to them and to Mr. Percy Russell, curator of the Museum, for the notes from which this article has been compiled. A. S. O.



7.—GRANITE FIREPLACE WITH PLASTER OVERMANTEL MODELLED WITH THE SCENE OF PENTECOST AND FIGURES OF MOSES AND DAVID. (Right) 8.—THE JESSE CEILING

CUP AND QUAICH

A Golf Commentary by BERNARD DARWIN

ON to-day week and the day after our ladies will meet those of the United States for the Curtis Cup, and we shall all pray that they may repeat their triumph of 1952 at Muirfield. We can never feel any vast confidence in a golf team of ours that goes to America, not merely because the Americans are so formidably good but because of the climate. I read a remark of the Captain, Mrs. Beck, to the effect that the heat and humidity were perhaps the team's most dangerous enemies, and I respectfully agree. Our side is, I am sure, a good one. We have, it is true, lost Miss Donald and that is a very definite loss, but otherwise we have all those who took part in the victory of two years ago, and we have a champion, Miss Stephens, to lead the side, one who showed herself at Ganton not only in her best form once more but, I believe, better than ever before in point of fighting spirit. As to the American side, I confess I do not know much. They were a strong one two years ago—I particularly remember Miss Kirby and Miss Polly Riley—and if there are some new ones, as there are likely to be, they are sure to be pretty good ones, for America is as full of good young golfers as a bin is full of bottles.

I shall always remember the match at Muirfield two years ago as one of the most torturing I ever watched. Hope at one time flared so high, then sank so low, and finally in the hour of supreme misery all came almost incredibly right again. Our ladies had one priceless point in hand after the foursomes, having won two to one, and seemed at one point in the afternoon of the singles certain to keep it and likely to add to it. Then came that fatal shot of Miss Donald's going to the 9th hole against Miss Kirby, high in the air instead of safely along the ground, and so out of bounds, and a hole was lost that ought to have been won. It was the first of a series of disasters and that match, which we had justifiably regarded as safely in the British pocket, went to America.

After that I think I must for a while have been more or less unconscious with blackest despair, for I seem to remember nothing till I saw Miss Price on the 9th green. She missed a putt there, but she missed no more. She and her adversary were both almost at the end of their tether, but she lasted the better of the two. If, as I recall it, one hole was something of a comedy of errors it was, at least, she who got the best of it, and she won gloriously in the end. We had actually won a match against America!

I have, to my regret, never seen the Merion course at Philadelphia, where next month's match is to be played. It is among the elder courses of the United States, whose names have a classic sound in our ears, such as Garden City, Oakmont, Myopia and the Country Club at Brookline, and everyone tells me it is a very fine one. It has seen various interesting events, such as Hogan's second victory in the Open Championship in 1950, but its name is in my mind chiefly connected with that of Bobby Jones. It was there in 1924 that he won his first American Amateur, beating George Von Elm in the final by 9 and 8, and it was also at Merion six years later that he won his last championship, putting the finishing touch to the "Impregnable Quadrilateral" when he beat E. V. Homans in the final by 8 and 7.

Incidentally, I said something last week of Bobby's "break through," and in looking up my dates for this article I was a little surprised to find how relatively long the lean time of disappointment had been. In 1919 he had reached the final of the Amateur Championship and lost to Davison Herron. It was four years later, in 1923, that he became Open Champion at Inwood, winning the Open title before the Amateur, even as Goodman did later and our own Harold Hilton had done earlier here. Hilton indeed had twice won the Open three years before he won the Amateur for the first time. To be sure, Bobby had to wait only till he was two-and-twenty for his first Amateur, and that is not very old, but to those who knew how

supremely good he was the time did seem very long.

As I write I have been staying quite near the sea for some ten days, but without being on or even seeing a golf course, a rare state of things for me. Therefore I can only write of one or two events as seen through the eyes of others. One of these, though I am late, must certainly be the competition for the Boyd Quaich at St. Andrews, open to undergraduates of all universities, and now a considerable event. It comes into my head because of the very fine scores of several of the young gentlemen, and particularly the winner, Ian Caldwell, of London University, and I am further reminded of it by the subject of Bobby Jones. That was a really magnificent score by Caldwell of 287—68, 76, 73 and 70. It was particularly pleasant to read of it because he had been so disappointing, for a player of his undoubted quality, in the Commonwealth Tournament on the same course a little while before. He had then begun by looking as good as ever he was, but had relapsed with one or two really feeble finishes, which were very depressing. He has now wiped that blot off his shield entirely.

How good this score is must be patent to anyone who knows the Old Course, but to those who do not here is an eloquent little piece of statistics. When Bobby Jones won the greatest of his Open Championships there, his score was 285, just two strokes better than Caldwell's. Moreover it was six strokes better than that of the two who tied for second place, Fred Robson and Aubrey Boomer. The Open has been played there three times since; in 1933 Shute and Craig Wood tied at 292; in 1939 Burton won with 290

and in 1948 Snead won also with 290. So Caldwell's really was a wonderfully fine score, and there were others notably good too, though necessarily some strokes behind the winner. In particular I was personally delighted to see two of the leaders of last year's Oxford and Cambridge sides respectively, Pitamber and Huddy, do so very well. Bambridge, who had won last year and whom I have never seen, showed that that win had been no accident, though he likewise could not quite live up to Caldwell. How infernally well these young men do play! Almost as well as the venerable ones of whom I was singing the praises a little while ago.

There is another young gentleman whom I have not seen and very much want to see, namely Gene Littler, who last year won the American Amateur Championship and soon afterwards turned professional. Indeed, I think everybody wants to see him even as last year everybody felt a gap in his golfing education till he had seen Hogan play. As soon as Littler turned professional he won a big tournament, though he was then too new according to the rules to take the money prize. Next he was second in the Open Championship at Baltusrol and now he has lost the big tournament at Tam O'Shanter (whether it calls itself the Championship of the World, or only of All-America, I am not quite sure) again by a single stroke. He was one stroke ahead of our Open Champion, Peter Thomson, and that is more than something. The general impression among those who know is that Littler is going to be cock of the walk, and I believe another Gene, Sarazen, thinks almost unutterable things of his game.

MY GARDEN AND MY NEIGHBOUR'S DOG

By W. J. WESTON

*And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of.*

I AM well aware of the strange rule in our law that the owner of a dog cannot be sued for the damage done by its repeated trespasses. If a farmer's sheep got into my garden, the farmer would be answerable for the damage done; but, when this pestilent dog tramples and destroys my tulips, it seems that I must suffer without redress. I am wondering whether I have a right to lock up the trespassing dog in my garage and to keep him there until his owner pays for the damage. That is the question. An interesting one it is, for it reminds us of days long ago, when the Queen's Courts were far less effective than they are now in enforcing legal rights, and when, unless a wronged person himself took steps to redress his wrong, it would be unredressed. But self-help is ever attended by danger of breach of the peace, and the Courts have been industrious in whittling it down. Self-help is, however, still recognised in a few incidents. One of these is the right with the swelling name, "distress damage feasant." This right is extra-judicial, calling for no intervention of judge or jury.

Distress there means a legal seizure—a distraining—and a detention of another's property, as when goods are taken to cover arrears of rent; and damage feasant is the old French phrase applied to a stranger's cattle trespassing and doing damage. Cattle is a wide-embracing term. It certainly includes horses, oxen and the usual livestock of a farm; and, in *Bunch v. Kennington* (1841, Q.B.), the distraining of a dog, damage feasant, was upheld. The occupier of the land upon which the stranger's cattle stray, there perhaps mingling with his own, has a right to keep them until amends are tendered for the damage done. He is under no obligation to tell the owner of the animals that he has them; he may, indeed, hope that he will be lucky, and no claim will ever be made. At any rate, he has a right to retain them as a gage or pledge that he will get his amends. And, if the animals stray out of his keeping, he has a right to drive them back in order to retain the surety. Instead of keeping the strays he could put them into a public

pound; but it is a commentary upon the desuetude of the right—and upon the greater efficacy of the action for cattle-trespass—that a public pound is to-day hard to find.

The man whose garden has been pillaged by cow or sheep would never dream of taking into custody cow or sheep, himself supplying its wants until such time as its owner redeems the pledge by tendering amends. For a suit in respect of cattle-trespass is a far simpler, a much more certain, though maybe a less speedy, way to get compensation for his loss. However, as our correspondent quite rightly says, an action in respect of a dog's trespass is not available as an alternative to a distress damage feasant.

Well, assume, on the authority of *Bunch v. Kennington*, that a dog damage feasant may be impounded, is the game worth the candle? Is not the wrong a lighter burden than the suggested remedy? Thinking things over, the gardener, sore as he is over his losses, may well decide that this machinery for getting amends is too cumbrous, beset by too many obligations for him.

Consider. First, he must seize the intruder in the very act of doing damage; and that may present difficulty, not unattended by danger. Next, he must provide suitable food and drink for the intruder when taken. Indeed, the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, has made this common law obligation into a statutory one: "Any person who impounds any animal . . . failing, while the animal is so impounded, to supply it with a sufficient quantity of wholesome and suitable food and water" may be fined £5. Besides, he can only keep the dog as a gage; he cannot, as he can a distress for rent, sell it to satisfy, or partly satisfy, his claim; and the value of the dog may fall far short of the amount of his claim. Worst of all, the neighbour may think himself lucky to be rid of a dog that is for ever landing him into trouble; and the asserter of the right of distress damage feasant will find himself saddled with an unloved guest. Finally, whether or not the dog is a treasured pet, its taking is no furtherance of the principle "Let neighbourly love continue."

CORRESPONDENCE

THE PROBLEM OF MYXOMATOSIS

SIR,—The new plague of myxomatosis is causing the gravest concern to many thinking country people. We all agree that the rabbit is a plague and must be reduced to the lowest possible limits by the humanest possible methods. But is myxomatosis, the virus of which is 99.8 per cent. fatal, the answer? Apart from the appalling cruelty of deliberately introducing such a foul disease in a country which prides itself upon its championship of humane ideals there are several points which deserve grave consideration.

First, how can we be certain that the introduction of this virus will not ultimately develop some form of allied disease which will attack human beings? I have already heard reports which seem to support this. Second, practical methods for reducing rabbits exist. Shooting, gassing, trapping, purse-netting and long-netting are tremendously efficacious. Any well-run estate in the past kept its rabbits to a minimum. Rabbits in moderation destroy tor grass and other rank herbage which other animals will not touch. They provide meat, skins for felt hats, and sport. On some Welsh properties before the war land worth only 2s. 6d. an acre for sheep was worth 16s. an acre as a rabbit warren.

To-day the average farmer is too lazy, to put it bluntly, to go out long-netting at night, to spend hours ferreting or to set traps. Not one in a dozen knows how to set a long-net properly. And, since many of them are becoming pseudo-scientific-minded, they demand a ready panacea for all the ills of nature. Poison is the answer. Must we, as a result of this crazy cult, deliberately introduce yet another disease which may well breed results that, in turn, may poison or infect the human race itself?—J. WENTWORTH DAY, *Ingatestone, Essex.*

HAPPY FAMILIES

SIR,—When we lived in Lincolnshire the village greengrocer and market gardener was named Carrot. He was succeeded on his retirement by a married daughter, Mrs. Gathergood. Our neighbour's gardener was named Border. Now we live near Bakewell, where we have A. Palfreyman, the saddler.—MARGARET BULLIVANT (Mrs.), *Baslow, Derbyshire.*



RUINS OF THE OLD POWDER MILLS ON DARTMOOR, AND A STONE BRIDGE OVER THE CHERRY BROOK, WHICH PROVIDED POWER FOR THE MILLS

See letter: Gunpowder from Dartmoor



A BAPTISM IN THE RIVER EBBW, MONMOUTHSHIRE, IN 1843

See letter: Public Baptisms

PUBLIC BAPTISMS

SIR,—The enclosed photograph of a picture in the possession of the National Library of Wales is of a baptism in the River Ebbw, near Tredegar Park, Monmouthshire. Below the title is a statement that "On Lords Day October 22nd 1843 nine persons were immersed according to the rites of the New Testament by Mr. T. Morris, Minister of the Baptist Temple, Newport, in the presence of some thousands of Spectators."

Similar baptisms apparently often took place in mill ponds. The owner of Roydon Mill on the River Brett in Suffolk told me that he remembers when he was a child as many as twenty Baptists being immersed there. A similar statement was made to me by the occupier of the Lower Mill at Cynwyd in Merioneth.

It would be interesting to know when the last of these public baptisms in open rivers and pools took place.—E. M. GARDNER (Miss), *The Bothy, Borden Village, Liphook, Hampshire.*

GUNPOWDER FROM DARTMOOR

SIR,—Bywayman, whose picture of the mortar éprouvette appeared in COUNTRY LIFE recently, may be interested in the enclosed photographs of the site where gunpowder used to be manufactured on Dartmoor.

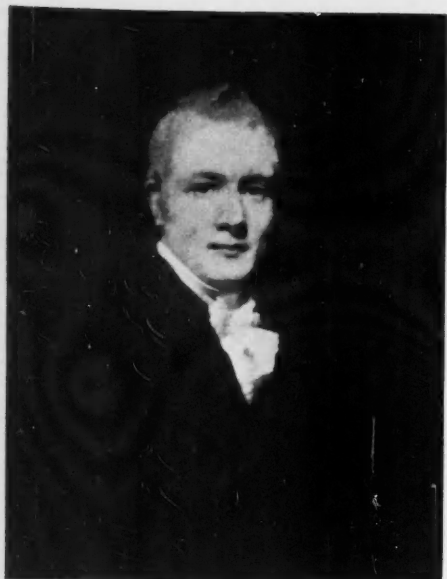
My first photograph shows the ruins of the old mills, which are situated by the appropriately named Powder Mills Farm, west of the road about half way between Two Bridges and Post Bridge. As with most attempts to establish industry on Dartmoor, the project was short-lived, but when the mills were in use power

was obtained from the Cherry Brook, which is crossed near by by one of the lovely old stone bridges frequently found on the Moor. Built long before the powder mills, it still remains to fulfil a useful function.—KENNETH A. COLDMAN, 87, *Sylvia-avenue, Hatch End, Middlesex.*

PENINSULAR WAR MEDALLIONS

SIR,—I also have a Wellington medalion commemorating the Peninsular War (July 22), although it contains only seven discs. The ribbon has disappeared and can be seen between the gummed-down discs only when they are held up to the light. Presumably the discs appeared strung out in a row when the box was opened, joined at either end to the lid and the base. The ribbon was light blue. The disc shown in the middle of your





PORTRAIT OF DAVID MONYPENNY BY
RAEBURN, FORMERLY AT PITMILNY
HOUSE, FIFE

See letter: An Untraced Raeburn

illustration is the one gummed into the back of the medallion box in my set. I wonder if anyone possesses a set complete with ribbon.

I remember seeing a closed medallion, in a glass case, when the Apsley House Museum was first opened, although there was no way of telling whether the contents were similar to my own. It appeared to have been moved when I paid a subsequent visit

to Apsley House.—F. CLIVE-ROSS, 23, Cedars-road, S.W.4.

AN UNTRACED RAEBURN

SIR,—I am anxious to trace an oil painting of David Monypenny by Raeburn. This portrait was at Pitmilny, the old family home in Fife, when I lived there as a girl. The contents of the house have since been dispersed. I enclose a photograph of the painting and should be grateful if any of your readers could give me information as to its present whereabouts. David Monypenny was Solicitor-General for Scotland in 1811 and died in 1850.—

ETHEL MONYPENNY E. SINCLAIR, Elm Court, Tower-road, Darlington.

[We are informed that Raeburn painted a companion portrait of Mrs. David Monypenny, and it seems likely that both portraits would have been purchased by the same buyer when the contents of Pitmilny House were dispersed. It has not been possible to trace the sale of either portrait in this country. The portrait of Mrs. David Monypenny at one time was in the Stotesbury Collection in America and was sold from that collection by the Parke Burnet Galleries in New York in November, 1944. It may well be that the portrait of her husband is likewise in America. The

portrait is not known to the Scottish National Gallery, but there is a portrait of David Monypenny by Colvin Smith in the Parliament House at Edinburgh which was given by W. P. Adam, of Blairadam, some time before 1907.—ED.]

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCES

SIR,—I think the Dorset County Council should be commended for their new signpost caps, which give not only the place-name but also the normal national grid reference of the position.

The national grid, which is marked on the Ordnance survey maps (and even on cheap motoring maps), is a simple system of accurately fixing any position in Britain. I feel that all who travel should be familiar with it and I hope the marking of signposts will be continued throughout the country. At night or in bad weather when landmarks are obscured it takes but a few seconds to find one's position on the map. Mountain paths so marked would help climbers overtaken by cloud or nightfall.

Could I suggest also that the reference of remote hotels and farmhouses, if given in the letter heading, would be a great help to visitors in a strange area?—R. C. SMITH, 28, Alfriston-avenue, North Harrow, Middlesex.

AN EARLY HEN BATTERY?

SIR,—Your readers—whether or not they approve of the battery system for hens—may be interested to see the enclosed photograph of a drawing, entitled *Plan of Lord Southwells Chicken Houses*, which appears to show an early version of the battery. The photograph was found in a batch of photographs of architectural drawings, but unfortunately I have been unable to identify either the date or the source. One would imagine it to be of the late 18th or early 19th century, at which date, I believe, the Southwells lived in Ireland. The drawing speaks for itself.—D. J. B., S.W.3.

ANTING BY BIRDS

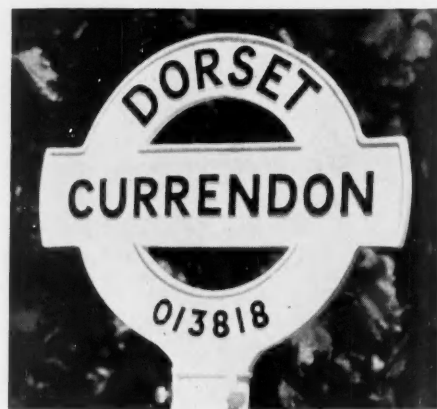
SIR,—Though anting movements may sometimes be elicited from birds by squirting them with formic acid, or similar substances, I do not agree with Professor Huxley (June 24) that anting has now been proved to be simply a matter of removing formic acid squirted by ants into the bird's face as a consequence of eating them. The following facts, in my opinion, disprove it:—(1) many birds which ant eagerly do not normally, if ever, eat worker ants; (2) some species, e.g. the jay, the green magpie and the red-billed blue magpie, do not pick up the ants in their bills when anting; (3) the jays, *Garrulus glandarius* and *G. lanceolatus*, do not respond with anting movements when they are not in an anting mood and an ant climbs on them or squirts formic acid in their faces. They then show quite different movements. I think this is true for other birds; (4) unlike most passerines, some game-birds, e.g. golden pheasant and red-legged partridge, will, at times, eat worker ants freely. These species do not use any anting movements, but when formic acid gets into their eye they rub the eye on top of their shoulder, or close it in apparent pain, much as the jay (a species which habitually ants) does in like circumstances; (5) the rook and the carrion crow, and probably other species, have anting movements not shown by other species which involve wallowing spread-eagled on the ant-infested ground; (6) it is inconceivable that birds such as the jay, which do not eat

worker ants and which show signs of obvious pain when formic acid gets into their eyes (even if it does so during anting) would deliberately seek out swarms of ants and go through the anting movements if the purpose of these movements was simply to relieve irritation caused by contact with ants.

I have been informed by friends who attended the International Ornithological Congress at Basle that many ornithologists present did not concur with Dr. Poulsen's conclusions on anting and that he himself mentioned that others, not present and including myself, had disagreed with him in private conversation on the subject.—DEREK GOODWIN, Toft, Monk's-road, Virginia Water, Surrey.

BLACK SIKA DEER

SIR,—I was much interested to see Mr. Whitehead's letter, in your issue of July 29, identifying the Black Sika deer of Whipsnade, at last, as of the



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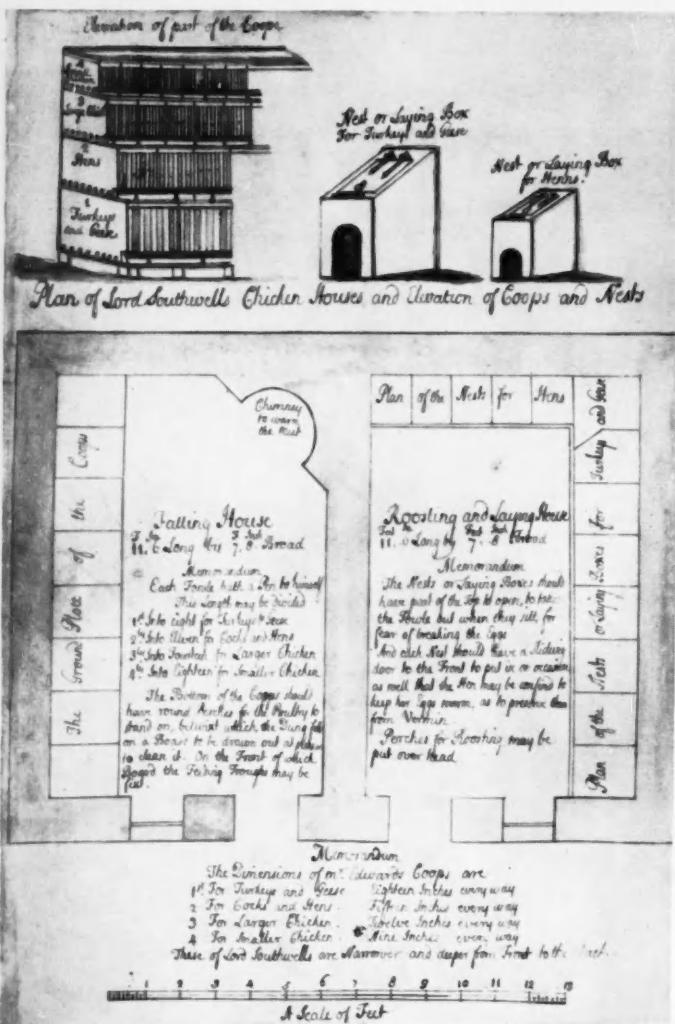
Cervus n. keramae type. These black deer have long been a riddle, and their identification is welcome.

May I add a little to what Mr. Whitehead wrote about them? I think he is mistaken in saying their origin "is unknown." They came to Whipsnade, he says, from Woburn. Lydekker has some information on the beginnings of the Woburn collection scattered through his volumes; in 1907 the Frenchman, Gustave Loisel, published in the annual report of the Smithsonian Institution a list, given him, apparently, by the Duchess of Bedford, of all animals present at Woburn in November, 1906, with the numbers of each species, and its date of importation; and the late Duke of Bedford tells a little more in his book, *Years of Transition*. From these information on the origin of the present herd of Black Sika at Whipsnade may be drawn.

Loisel's list shows that in 1900 two deer of an unknown species, described as "*Cervus sika* (var.)", were received at Woburn. As Loisel distinctly and separately lists the other races of Sika—Pekin, Manchurian, Formosan and Japanese—a process of elimination makes it likely that these unknown deer were Keramian Sikas. One of them apparently soon died, and only one was left when Lydekker wrote his *Great and Small Game of Europe, Asia and America* in 1901.

There Lydekker describes the deer as follows: "At the present time (April, 1901), there is a Sika living in the park at Woburn Abbey, which is reputed to have come from the Liu-Kiu Islands. The colour of this animal is nearly black, but whether this is due to 'melanism,' or whether it is the normal colouration of an unnamed species, it is not yet possible to ascertain" (p. 233).

It will be noticed that, both in its colouration and in its reported habitat, this deer conformed to the Keramian race of Sika described by Mr.



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Whitehead in your issue of July 27. The record seems valuable as tending to confirm Mr. Whitehead's identification of the Black Sika of Whipsnade; it provides them with a probable ancestor.

Loisel's list shows that the unknown Sika bred at Woburn; and the late Duke records that a herd of black "Japanese" deer was raised and maintained in a paddock there till 1941, when he came to the unfortunate conclusion that they were of no special interest or beauty and destroyed them. However, the Whipsnade branch happily remains, and now, according to Mr. Whitehead, contains "one or two lighter-coloured hinds." It is not surprising that it should. As Lydekker's record shows that only one Keramian Sika survived to breed at Woburn, it can only have been mated with common Japanese deer, and occasional throw-backs, away from the true black type, can hardly be avoided (though they can, of course, be eliminated when they occur).

In spite of their impure breeding, the Whipsnade herd of Black Sika is still a very nice one to have in this country, and it is, I understand, unique among the zoos of the world. All deer-lovers will wish the Whipsnade authorities all possible luck both in maintaining that herd and in preserving the true black Keramian type of Sika. Kerama is too small an island (or group of islands) to hold a very large head of deer, and as game preservation is, unfortunately, mainly a white man's hobby, one cannot in these days feel too confident of this interesting animal's survival in its native home.—RICHARD GLOVER, 67, Glisson-road, Cambridge.

SWANS' NEST IN A BOATYARD

SIR,—I was interested to read G. P.'s letter (July 22) on the tameness of young woodpeckers, and I wondered if your readers would like to see the enclosed photograph of a pair of swans building their nest on a pontoon in a busy boatyard in Isleworth. People were living in a houseboat adjoining the pontoon, and they and workmen from the yard were constantly passing the nest, but the swans took little notice and remained perfectly friendly.

The nest was constructed of twigs, which they fished out of the river, and some packing straw brought them by the men. Four eggs were laid, but only two hatched. One of the cygnets was attacked and killed by the mother when three days old; the other survived.

The swans took complete possession of the yard and surrounding water, driving off any intruders, but about three weeks after the cygnet was hatched another pair of swans arrived on the river in the vicinity of



BREAD RACK IN COUGHTON CHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE

See letter: Bread-giving Charities

the yard with three cygnets. Our swans drove off the parents and took possession of the cygnets. The latter seemed perfectly willing to be adopted, but the parents swam around and were viciously attacked if they came anywhere near. This went on for a week and then the adopted cygnets rejoined their parents and disappeared.—FREDA PURCHASE, 1, Carlyle Mansions, Church-street, W.8.

BREAD-GIVING CHARITIES

SIR,—The illustration of tablets recording bread prices at Wishford, Wiltshire, in your issue of August 5, prompts me to send this photograph of a bread rack in Coughton Church, Warwickshire. There must be few such fittings surviving from bread-giving charities. This one is more a shelf than a cupboard and makes lavish use of turned wood.—MARGARET JONES (Mrs.), 32, Forest-road, Moseley, Birmingham, 13.

BRASS-RUBBINGS DISPLAYED

From Lady Lloyd
SIR,—Miss Peggy Stack, whose article *A Novice at Brass-rubbing* appeared on April 22, may like to hear of another method of mounting and displaying rubbings which I have used myself for quite large rubbings and found very satisfactory. I think it is, perhaps, a more attractive method than the pasting on to painted plywood used by Judge Niles (July 15).

I always used for my rubbings a thin lining paper of a clear pale yellow colour. The finished rubbing was cut out and pasted on to a piece of natural coloured (unbleached) linen or calico and this was stretched

firmly on to a backing of stout cardboard or not too thin plywood. This was then framed with a plain black beading. The background of unbleached linen, to my mind, greatly enhanced the rubbing and, as it was tightly stretched, kept the plywood from warping, which on a damp wall it is inclined to do. It is many years since I did any rubbings, and calico or even linen was not so expensive as it is to-day. I have a rubbing mounted this way in 1916 still in perfect condition. The figure is 2 ft. 8 ins. high on a sheet of calico 3 ft. 6 ins. by 2 ft. 4 ins. and framed with plain black inch beading.—V. M. LLOYD, Freshwater, Isle of Wight.

ENDURANCE TEST FOR HORSES

SIR,—In the report of the Arab Horse Show in your issue of August 5 it is stated that the Arab Horse Endurance Test will be confined entirely to Arabs. This is not so, for it is open also to Anglo-Arabs and part-bred Arabs, each to carry 13 stone. The test starts on the morning of September 13 at Shalbourne Manor, Hungerford, and is one of 51 miles a day for five consecutive days; competitors return to Shalbourne at the end of each day.

The author states that it would be interesting if horses of other breeding could be included, and he suggests also ponies. Ponies of Arab blood measuring not less than 14 hands are eligible, but if other breeds were to be included the difficult question of accommodation would at once arise. In any event, this is not a competition in the fullest sense of the word, but is held to show, after a lapse of just over thirty years, that the

Arab has lost none of its age-old reputation for endurance under all conditions, which it is hoped will be proved again at the end of this not inconsiderable test.

I would add that had the test been open to all breeds, no doubt we should have made the distance not less than 60 miles a day for five days, as we did in the early 1920s, and perhaps increased the weight to be carried, which we then considered doing, to 17 stone. It is doubtful whether any breed but an Arab would stand up to this. Incidentally, to ride 17 stone presents a difficulty to a light-weight rider. In all the tests in the '20s, as I then stripped 8 stone, my horses (each was a stallion) had to carry 5 stone deadweight, mostly made up of lead in the saddle cloth. To carry another 4 stone would seem to be impossible.—R. S. SUMMERHAYS, Chairman, Arab Horse Endurance Test Committee, 30, Arterberry-road, Wimbledon, S.W.20.

WILLOW-WARBLER'S SONG

SIR,—In your issue of August 5 you published a poem entitled *After Rain: Northumberland*. The fourth line runs:

While willow-warblers shrill.

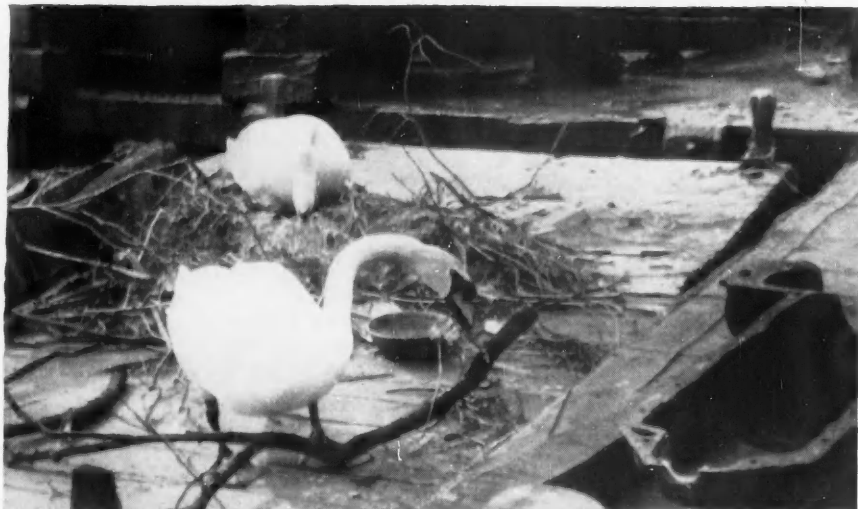
Perhaps poetic licence may excuse this misuse of adjective as verb, but in poetic justice to the bird I protest. The late Lord Grey, of Falldon in his *Charm of Birds*, described the song of the willow-warbler as suggesting something plaintive, as if the bird were pleading. *A cadence soft as summer rain.* "While willow-warblers shrill." Oh, Sir!—C. Y. ECCLES, London.

[Spenser wrote: *Breake we our pypes, that shrill as lowde as larke*, and there is evidence that "shrill" was used as a verb at least a hundred years before that. Poetic licence need not be called in aid of sense, therefore, however much it may be needed in aid of sound.—ED.]

CUCKOOS ON THE DOORSTEP

SIR,—In reply to the letter *Cuckoos on the Doorstep* (July 15), we have had cuckoos in nests on our house for three years running. The first one was in a hedge-sparrows' nest, on the verandah; the second one in a swallows' nest in the porch (with 4½ inches head-room from the gable); and the third in a flycatchers' nest in a plum tree on the wall outside our drawing-room window.—JOHN HUNT (aged 12), Gunby, Lincolnshire.

We are asked to state that Colonel J. Hume Dudgeon and Captain Almeida, of Portugal, and not Captain I. H. Dudgeon and Miss I. Kellett, as reported in our issue of August 12, were equal second in the Irish Trophy at the Dublin Horse Show.



SWANS AT THEIR NEST ON A PONTOON IN A BOATYARD AT ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. (Right) THE SWANS WITH THEIR CYGNET

See letter: Swans' Nest in a Boatyard

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CARELESS TALK

By M. HARRISON-GRAY

SOMEONE once wrote a song for the benefit of Bridge players; to switch on the wireless was to evoke the crooner's anguished entreaty, "You gotta accen-tewate the positive, elim-inate the negative." But all the massed dance bands in the world could not remove the millstone that Ely Culbertson hung round the necks of his followers with some of his early pronouncements.

The example below shows Culbertson (West) following his own precepts in the last pre-war Anglo-American match:

West	♠ 8	East	♠ A 7 3
	♥ J 9 5		♥ A K Q 7
	♦ J 10 7 6 3		♦ K Q 8 2
	♣ A 6 4 3		♣ J 8

When East (Lightner) opened with a Heart, a raise to Two Hearts seems the only reasonable response. Culbertson argued that he lacked the values for a "positive," so he fell back on One No-Trump and accepted defeat after a Spade lead in a final Three No-Trumps. (In Room 2 the late Richard Lederer shocked the purists by opening with Two Hearts on a four-suit; West bid Three and Lederer Four, which he made with an over-trick.)

I admire my friend Ely for many things, among them his readiness to bow to public opinion. At long last he is using the term "limit bid," but with it the original loose phraseology which made such a fatal appeal to the more misguided of our clan. In the latest *Gold Book*, the One No-Trump response to a suit call is still "a negative response which shows a weak hand"; what he means, of course, is a limit bid which describes the general strength and distribution. It merely denies the values for a more encouraging bid such as a Two-over-One change of suit; here is one of the given examples:

♠ A J 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ 9 6 5 3 2

Hardly a weak responding hand, yet we are told to say One No-Trump over partner's Heart opening. A range of 6-11 points for the bid is a trifle excessive—my own advice is to bid Two Clubs or a non-forcing Two No-Trumps and hang the consequences. Culbertson's recommendation, however, is at least natural, the hand being suitable for No-Trumps; his big psychological error was to suggest throughout the *Gold Book* that high-card strength should be shown ahead of distribution, overlooking the average player's obsession for codes and cyphers. Hence the tendency to treat a natural limit bid as an artificial "negative"; does One No-Trump over partner's One Spade give a fair picture of the hand below?

♠ ... ♥ K 7 6 4 2 ♦ K 8 7 5 3 2 ♣ 6 4

In last month's *Bridge World* we read that "Naturally, one (American) school would find no difficulty; the automatic One No-Trump would come into effect because of the mere 6 high-card points." Although the hand may fail to take a trick in No-Trumps, it will win a large number if opener has a mild fit in a red suit; suppose his hand is this:

♠ A 9 7 6 2 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ A 6 ♣ A 7 3

Six Hearts is not unreasonable, but what can opener do but pass over his partner's "negative" No-Trump? A natural response risks far less and stands to gain infinitely more. "Bid what you think you can make" is our first rule, and "bid it before it is too late" comes a close second.

The same negative motif turns up again and again in the *Gold Book*. Opener's One No-Trump rebid "is a negative or minimum rebid," although Culbertson would not recommend the call after, say, One Club—One Heart on a hand like this:

♠ 6 2 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ A K 8 6 4 3

But his words are taken literally: "Only 11 points—a dead minimum. This calls for a negative No-Trump over One Heart." Or suppose that responder forces over One Club with Two Hearts; opener feels bound to "sign off" in Two No-Trumps—according to the *Gold Book*, "the minimum No-Trump bid being in

this case, as in almost all cases, a negative bid." Yet the hand below calls for precisely the same treatment:

♠ K 10 7 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ A Q 9 ♣ K Q J 5

Unlike the previous case, a One No-Trump rebid after One Club—One Heart means what it says. How can it be a "negative," when the opener will welcome a raise in No-Trumps, or a "minimum," when the hand can be only fractionally short of a Two No-Trump rebid? Should the responder force over One Club, a natural rebid of Two No-Trumps suggests the same type of hand (fairly balanced, 13-15 points); why should he have to allow for a conventional "negative" and an 11-points hand with six nice Clubs and a small doubleton in each of the unbid suits?

Let us take one more look at "the hand of the year" from the last American match:

West	♠ A J 9 7	East	♠ K 6 3 2
	♥ A K J 8 5 4		♥ 9 3
	♦ A 6		♦ Q 10 8 5
	♣ J		♣ K 7 3

West (Kenneth Konstam) opened with Two Hearts and East (Terence Reese) bid Two No-Trumps. South intervened, Spades were not mentioned, and a final contract of Three No-Trumps went down. It struck me that Two Spades would have been a better bid over Two Hearts, both in theory and practice, but Reese has taken up the cudgels: "Gray maintains," he writes in the *Observer*, "that the response to a Two-bid should, in general, correspond to the response to a bid of One in an analogous sequence. The other view is that positive responses should show positive values."

This reminds me of a play I once saw called *Man Overboard*. A certain review puzzled me until I came to the last sentence: "Long before the end, I was a man over-bored." The piece was designed, not to give a fair impression of the play, but to create an opening for that powerful quip. Reese seems to have built up his article on the final *bon mot*.

If he feels there is a good case for his

negative Two No-Trumps, why (a) suggest that West's hand was slightly sub-standard for an Acol Two-bid (even if it were, it does not affect East's response); (b) point out that Five Spades went two down in the other room (everyone agrees that 11 tricks should have been made, so one would expect ten to be made); (c) claim that, if East's Spades and Clubs were reversed, he would have no alternative to Two No-Trumps (agreed—the bid over One Heart would be One No-Trump; my point was that the bid of Two No-Trumps should be used as little as possible; there was a sound alternative on the actual East hand).

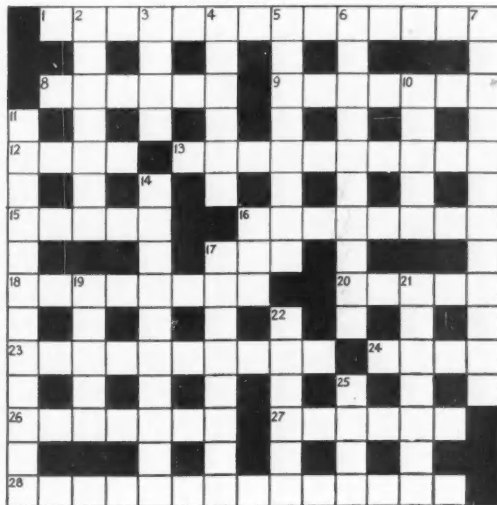
I will try to "accentuate" this positive and negative business. Over an opening Two Clubs East can bid a negative Two Diamonds, denying an Ace-and-a-King or similar quick trick holding, for the time factor is well under control. West then bids Two Hearts, which brings us back where we started, with this difference—*East is now free to bid anything he chooses*. This is the only case where a negative cypher does not cause a crippling loss of bidding space.

With an opening Two Hearts, however, there just isn't room for a "negative" which cuts out all mention of Spades by either party; for all West knows, East could have a count of zero and small doubletons in the majors. And who is to decide that East lacks "positive values"? Over a bid of One Heart, would he not "give a positive" with a reply of One Spade?

Surely the time has come to "eliminate the negative" in everyday situations? Only the other day a player, by no means the worst in the club, opened as South with One Heart, his side only being vulnerable. West bid a Spade, North passed (please note), and East bid Two Spades. South then corrected his first call with a leap to Four Hearts. This cost 800—and who, do you think, was the aggressor in the post-mortem? "Oh, partner," moaned South, "couldn't you bid a No-Trump over One Spade to tell me you were so bad!"

CROSSWORD No. 1281

COUNTRY LIFE books to the value of 3 guineas will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions (in a closed envelope) must reach "Crossword No. 1112, COUNTRY LIFE, 2-10, Tavistock-street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2," not later than the first post on the morning of Wednesday, September 1, 1954



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SOLUTION TO No. 1280. The winner of this Crossword, the clues of which appeared in the issue of August 19, will be announced next week.

ACROSS.—1, Cock; 3, Salt-cellar; 10 and 11, Moral certainty; 12, Exile; 13, Inspired; 14 and 23, Notice; 16, Shout; 17, Erroneous; 20, Thersites; 22, Nudge; 24 and 27, Portland stone; 29, Castleton; 30, Laura; 31, Enterprize; 32, Mere. DOWN.—1, Compensate; 2, Carnivore; 4, Architect; 5, Terms; 6, Elation; 7, Lunge; 8, Rays; 9, Fluent; 15, Asseverate; 18, Residents; 19, Odd volume; 21, Settler; 22, Nestle; 25, Onset; 26, Altar; 28, Acre.

ACROSS

- Flower from the Garden of England (10, 4)
- But interesting, no doubt, for the oil prospector (6)
- This island breed (7)
- Something for the moneyless to live on (4)
- Description of Icarus (2, 8)
- The ghost echoes Hamlet (5)
- A double consonant and a double consonant in Wales (8)
- Must it be salt going with batter? (3)
- Leg on bed (anagr.) (8)
- Enob (5)
- Made no chip (anagr.) (10)
- It was hot for young Percy (4)
- A sailor may have to handle it or wear it (7)
- "Not here O—!"
- "Are haunts meet for thee"—M. Arnold (6)
- Pets make no advance, just the contrary (10, 4)

DOWN

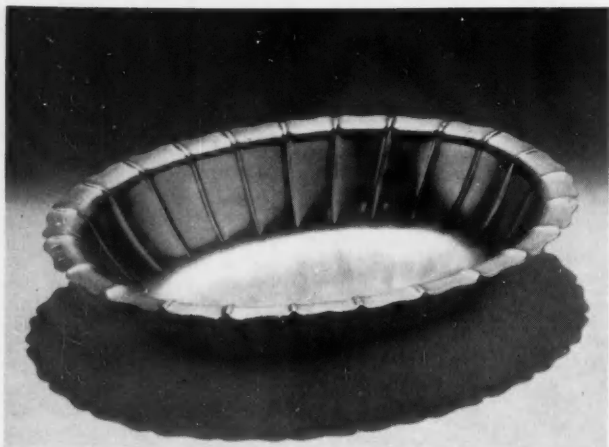
- Spoon to top sale (7)
 - A false step for the holiday-maker? (4)
 - "Is this the —, this the soil, the clime?" —Milton (6)
 - To allure the Bachelor of Medicine (8)
 - Symptom of a cowardly rather than a jaundiced mind (10)
 - Do such people weigh less than the despondent? (5, 2, 5)
 - She did the chasing (5)
 - Brave shield-bearer (12)
 - May sound well, but is not upright (5, 5)
 - What the Führer did (3)
 - Red cones (anagr.) (8)
 - "Strive, and hold cheap the strain, —, nor account the pang"—Browning (5)
 - It should be self-evident to the doctor without deliberation (7)
 - Man of arms (6)
 - They are drawn and tied (4)
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THERE is always a feeling of sadness when a property that has been in one family for hundreds of years comes to be broken up, and one experiences it strongly with the news of the forthcoming sale of Staunton Harold, Leicestershire, which has been held by the Shirleys since 1493, when Ralph Shirley married the Staunton heiress and made Staunton Harold his principal home.

Staunton Harold has been called "a palimpsest, on which each succeeding generation has written its signature until they have almost obliterated their ancestors' mark." The outstanding signature is, perhaps, the famous church, built by Sir Robert Shirley during the Commonwealth and now in the care of the National Trust. Within a stone's throw of the church stands the great house which was rebuilt by Sir Robert's second son, who was created Earl Ferrers after the Restoration. Traces of his work remain in the form of late-17th-century decoration, but the existing house takes its character

farm should be of approximately 300 acres (a minimum of 200 acres and a maximum of 500 acres, preferably with modernised buildings, might suit) and it should have a Queen Anne or Georgian farm-house, or, failing either of these alternatives, a house of simple architectural elevation, built on two floors, and with between seven and ten bedrooms.

For such a property, provided that there are an adequate number of cottages—from five to seven is the number mentioned—the buyer is prepared to pay "a price consistent with current market values, according to whether the property is in first-class condition, ready for immediate occupation, or whether extensive renovation will have to be undertaken."

SOLD AFTER AUCTION

AN agricultural property that meets the minimum requirement of Messrs. Winkworth and Co.'s client so far as acreage is concerned is Loddenden, an estate of nearly 300 acres situated in and around the village of



STAUNTON HAROLD, LEICESTERSHIRE

largely from the extensive rebuilding undertaken by the fifth Earl between about 1760 and 1778.

The present Lord Ferrers has not lived at Staunton Harold since the war, and it is understood that mounting taxation is the reason for his selling the house and the bulk of the estate, amounting to roughly 1,560 acres. He has stated that though he doubted whether the house would again be used for private occupation, he wished to preserve it if possible and would not necessarily sell it to the first bidder. Though large, the house might be suitable for conversion or sub-division, for, unlike many similar buildings, it is not rectangular, but consists of a number of wings. Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley are in charge of the sale.

FARMS TIGHTLY HELD

A FORTNIGHT ago I suggested that the continuing strength of gilt-edged securities and industrial equities had done little to disturb the demand for agricultural land, and evidence that farms are still tightly held comes in a letter from Messrs. Winkworth and Co., who state that they have been looking for a farm for a client for some time, so far without success. "I think you may be interested to observe," writes their country estates' manager, "that although there seem to have been many new properties in the market, it is still extremely difficult to find a first-class small estate, such as our client wants."

The requirements of the would-be purchaser are listed neatly under separate headings. The first choice of district is west Sussex, though Hampshire and parts of Berkshire and Wiltshire would be considered, provided that the property were "in or near a village within easy reach of a market town and within one and a half hours' journey of London." The

Staplehurst, near Maidstone, Kent. The property, which includes a manor house dating from the 12th century, was withdrawn at an auction conducted by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley and Messrs. Hatch and Waterman, but 236 acres have since been disposed of privately, leaving a farm of 61 acres to be dealt with.

Another property that has changed hands recently and that seems to fulfil some, at least, of the requirements stipulated by Messrs. Winkworth and Co.'s client is Vicar's Hill, a T.T. and attested farm with an early-Georgian house and several cottages, near Lymington, Hampshire. But Vicar's Hill, which was sold privately by Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock and Messrs. Hewitt and Co., covers only 174 acres.

SALE AND RE-SALE

IT is not many weeks since Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock, acting on behalf of Sir Peter Curtis, Bt., negotiated the sale of Kimbridge House and 25 acres, near Romsey, Hampshire, to Viscount Suidale. It had been Lord Suidale's intention to live at Kimbridge, a modern house standing on the edge of the Test and including valuable fishing rights on the river. Now, however, he finds that he is unable to do so, and he has handed it back to Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock with instructions to re-sell.

Another sale that was the forerunner to a second concerned the Hankelow Hall estate of 176 acres, near Nantwich, Cheshire, which was sold the other day by Messrs. Jackson-Stops and Staff's Chester office, who have since been instructed to re-offer the bulk of the property, including a Queen Anne manor house with its gardens, park and home farm, by private treaty.

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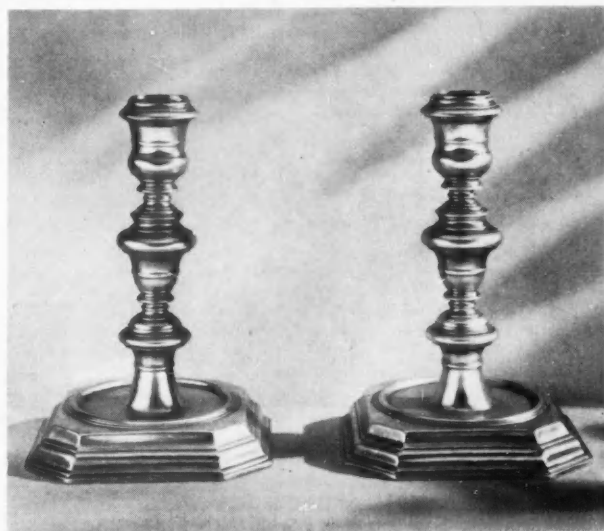
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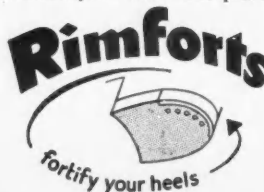
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FARMING NOTES

THE DECLINE
IN TILLAGE

THE provisional results of the June 4 agricultural census for England and Wales show a decrease of 378,000 acres in the total area of tillage (crops and bare fallow) as compared with last year. This is a reflection of the smaller margin of profit to be obtained from the growing of corn in these days and of the fact that it is now possible for a farmer to buy all the wheat, barley and oats that he requires for feeding his stock at prices little above what they would cost him to grow himself, certainly that is if his farm is not situated in a corn-growing area. The decrease represents a reduction of some 3½ per cent., which is not of itself important, though it does clearly indicate a trend which may if it continues become serious, that is if it is still necessary for us to grow as much of our own food as possible. There are two figures in the returns which are encouraging. One is the increase in the sheep population of 400,000, of which more than half are breeding ewes, and the other a small increase in the number of beef cows. It would be most interesting to know the sort of farm on which these beef-breeding herds are being established. If they are on hill and poor marginal land farms, nothing could be better from every point of view. The keeping of more cows of this type on such farms has constantly been urged, but the chief difficulty seems to be wintering. With suckled calves fetching £30 apiece in the autumn a herd of beef cows should be profitable, and there must be many farms which could carry a unit of 20 to 40 with advantage, for cattle of this type can be kept very cheaply. Perhaps one of the obstacles is that it is hardly economic to keep fewer than 20, for with such cattle it is imperative to keep a bull, artificial insemination not being really practicable. Indeed for some reason it seems necessary to run a bull with any cows that are being used for suckling calves if they are to breed regularly. Why cows which are suckling calves behave so differently from the same cows when they are being milked is a mystery, but it is well recognised that they do. I keep a few Shorthorn cows which I use for multiple suckling, for which purpose I require them to calve in the autumn. I have never been successful in getting them to do so except when I have run a bull with them. Then there seems to be no difficulty.

Collective Guarantee

THE Ministry of Food has announced that for the third guarantee period of the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme (August 16 to September 12) the collective guarantee payments on steers, heifers and special young cows will be 8s. 6d. per cwt. liveweight or 0.7d. per pound deadweight. There will be no payment on other good-quality cows or on stock imported from the Irish Republic. Home-bred sheep and lambs will get 6½d. per pound (actual or estimated), and stock imported from the Irish Republic which have been in the United Kingdom for not less than two months will get ¾d. per pound deadweight less. The collective guarantee payment for clean pigs will be 2s. 3d. per score deadweight or 1s. 7d. per score liveweight. The percentage addition will remain 25, subject to review if necessary at any time. The adjustment for feed prices will be 1s. per score deadweight, or 9d. per score liveweight, to be deducted from the guarantee payment. This adjustment is based on the determination of the price of the standard ration, which has remained unchanged at 28s. 11d. per cwt. This is 11d. per cwt. below the price to

which the standard price of pigs for 1954-55 is linked. What the price of pig feed will be in a month's time is anybody's guess, but I shall be surprised if it isn't a good deal less.

Stubble Problem

THE corn harvest is anything from two to three weeks later than usual in starting this year, and with so much of the corn laid it is sure to be a difficult one. Given a month's really fine weather, however, some of the lost time could be made up, but at best we are bound to be late in finishing. There was a time when the autumn was considered to be one of the slackest times of the year, but to-day, certainly on many farms, it is perhaps the busiest, for with potatoes to lift, sugar-beet to harvest and the land to get ready for autumn sowing, there is no let-up. One of the disadvantages of a late harvest is that there is practically no opportunity for cleaning stubbles, and there is no doubt that the autumn is the ideal time for cleaning land. All plants have less vitality in the autumn than in the spring and are far easier to kill; moreover, weeds that have been competing all the summer for moisture, light and air with a thick corn crop, though they may survive, are poor spindly sickly things and take very little killing, though as soon as the competition is removed they will quickly recover and the longer the interval between the removal of the corn and the breaking of the stubble, the stronger they become. We are in a much better position to-day with all our tractors to break up our stubble immediately after harvest than our fathers were. But in spite of this even in a favourable season when an early harvest is followed by a dry autumn, too little advantage is taken of the golden opportunity. This year I fear there will be no such opportunity.

Foot-and-Mouth Precautions

I HAVE read with interest the report of the Departmental Committee on Foot-and-Mouth Disease issued recently. Most people will concur with its conclusions. It finds little to criticise in what is now done to prevent the spread of the disease once an outbreak occurs. It emphasises the paramount importance of prompt reporting and recommends that the penalties for delay should be substantially increased. This is surely wise. I remember a very bad case a good many years ago where the owner of a flock of sheep which became infected deliberately drove them some 40 miles across country knowing very well what the trouble was, spreading the infection as he went. Next time he appeared in the market he was nearly lynched and had to have police protection! For such a case I doubt if even the new penalties recommended by the Committee are adequate. On the question of how infection reaches this country from abroad the Committee find that by far the commonest cause of primary outbreak is the feeding of pigs with swill contaminated by infected imported meat. They recommend that all local authorities who collect waste food for this purpose and all substantial private collectors should be required to sterilise it in an approved plant before disposing of it. But I am afraid no committee can suggest means of dealing with the small man who boils his swill six days a week but not on the seventh! The next commonest way in which the virus is conveyed to this country, the Committee believe, is on the feet and feathers of birds, especially starlings, though this has never been proved.

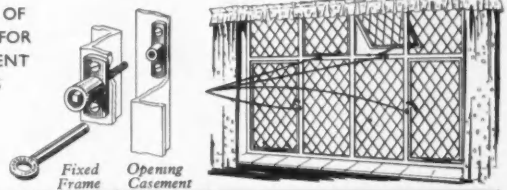
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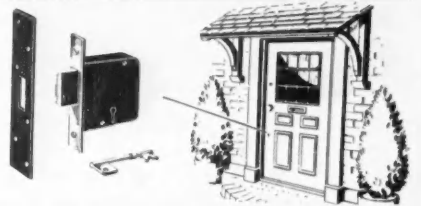
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Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

MR. J. R. R. TOLKIEN has been engaged off and on for more than fourteen years on his book called *The Fellowship of the Ring* (Allen and Unwin, 21s.). Sometimes a whole year would pass without his adding a word. But here it is now, successor to *The Hobbit*, which attracted some attention in its time. It is a big book, as the price suggests. There are 423 pages larger than usual and more closely printed than usual, but there is more to come! The title-page calls this the first part of *The Lord of the Rings*. Two more parts are to follow, and if each of these is

the Ring has magic properties, but he does not know that of all magic rings it is the One, and that whoever owns it has absolute power and authority and that always that power, in the wrong hands, has been used for the enslavement of the world. He does not know that the Black Riders are sent by a King from the East, charged with seizing the Ring and thus starting the world on another Dark Age.

This present book concerns the flight of Frodo and his companions eastward, harassed all the way by the Black Riders and other servants of evil, till at last, on the very borders

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING. By J. R. R. Tolkien
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as long as this one, then, combined with *The Hobbit*, we shall have one of the longest works in our time devoted to a single subject.

This, in itself, is enough to make us look seriously at Mr. Tolkien's intention, and at his achievement thus far, and ask: What is it all about? Is it worth while?

A WORK OF ART

To begin with, let me say that this is a work of art. There are two things that a work of art can be about: that which is said, and that which underlies the saying. If a poet writes

*The sedge is wither'd from the lake
And no birds sing,*

what is said is obvious enough: the sedge is withered and the birds are not singing. What underlies this, and alone makes it worth saying, is a vast field of emotional feeling, from which each of us may gather his own flowers. While we are quoting Keats, let us recall something that he wrote. "A long poem is a test of invention which I take to be the Polar star of poetry, as fancy is the sails, and imagination the rudder."

Now the book under review, while cast in the form of prose fiction, is also a long poem, in the sense in which Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur* is a long poem; and, as surely as that book, it meets Keats's test: it has invention, fancy and imagination.

The invention, the continuous thread of episode on which the thing goes forward, concerns a ring. In *The Hobbit* we are told how Bilbo discovered the Ring and brought it to the country called the Shire. In this present book Bilbo at a great age leaves the Shire, bequeathing all his goods to his young relative Frodo. Frodo, the new possessor of the Ring, is puzzled by the attitude to it taken by Gandalf the wizard. He is also disturbed by reports of mysterious Black Riders moving into the Shire from the East, and seeming to converge upon himself. Who are they? What are they after?

Gandalf knows, but it is a long time before the information soaks through to Frodo. Frodo knows that

of the land of darkness. Frodo goes forward alone. What will befall him we have yet to learn.

So much for the statement of the theme. What underlies it, giving it more than the significance of mere statement? Is it a profound parable of man's everlasting struggle against evil, of the fearful slenderness and ceaseless peril of those pitted against it? Is it a contemporary fable, that we would do well to heed? Here, as with any true work of poetry, the answer must be the response of the reader's own heart. Nobody can take from a work of art anything more than he is fit to receive.

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But what of "fancy the sails" and "imagination the rudder," which is to say: What of the feel, the texture, of the book all the way through? It is delicious, and of infinite variety. We encounter men and wizards, trolls, elves and dwarves; we move amid woods and mountains, linger by streams, observe the trees and the beasts and the birds. We stay in hearty inns that might be on some 18th-century turnpike. We drink and dance and tell old tales and speak new poems. We engage in stirring battle and endure grievous wounds. All the mythologies of the world, all ancient folk tales and mysteries, are laid under tribute, and are marvelously blended into something new, existing in its own right.

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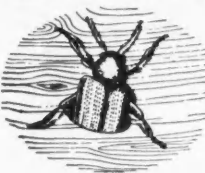
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author's note always rings true. "In their white faces burned keen and merciless eyes; under their mantles were long grey robes; upon their grey hair were helms of silver; in their haggard hands were swords of steel."

Through and through the thing is beautifully readable. There has been some foolish correspondence in the Press of late, advancing the opinion that the day of creative fiction is done with and that we must content ourselves with the sere grubbing of scholarly research. Well, here's an answer. If this is not a fine work of literary creation in our own day, I don't know one.

ENCHANTED IN TASMANIA

Mrs. Kathleen Graves is the wife of a Tasmanian farmer. She and her husband moved to a new farm with their son and daughter, and Mrs. Graves has set down in a book her observations of the first year in the new place. "I am not a farmer or a botanist, or even a trained naturalist; I have only written my observations when interested, and sometimes enchanted, by what I have seen."

The book is called *Tasmanian Pastoral* (15s.) and is published by the Melbourne University Press, for whom, over here, the Cambridge University Press acts as agents. The farm year is presented, with its hopes and hazards, successes and disappointments, differing little from a farm year over here, so long as we bear in mind a few oddities, such as that a south-west wind, which we think of as apt to be warm and moist, there blows out of the Antarctic, and a north-easter comes down benevolently from the Pacific isles.

It is the little points of difference that will interest an English reader. The hunting season opens in April, "the men in their traditional pink coats of an English hunt, and the women in formal black and grey habits and bowlers," but what they chase is a kangaroo, not a fox. "We settled down to gallop for six miles without a check, a run which was to go down in the annals of the hunt for years to come, and to end in a kill."

But much of the native bird and animal life is gone. "The emu was the first to disappear. Then the marsupial tiger, the devil, and the wombat were driven into the inaccessible mountains. The egret was annihilated for its beautiful plumage. The seal was slaughtered in tens of thousands... To-day, the lesser fry, the wedge-tailed eagle (the largest land-bird in the world), the ground-parrot, the snipe and bandicoot are likewise almost gone."

MEMORIES OF THE CONVICTS

A shadow still falls over the land from the memories of the slaughtered aborigines and of the convicts. Some of the homesteads built in those days continue to exist in "a kind of brooding melancholy." She describes one "built of hand-made bricks weathered to pale ochre. At the side stands a great arched doorway wide and high enough to admit a loaded wagon, leading into a walled rickyard which encloses byres and barns and granaries into which the cattle and horses were driven in times of danger in readiness to withstand a siege." The gates in the walls are down now, but some of the iron bars remain at the lower windows. Convicts built these places. "All suggests something sinister—defence from a hostile countryside, from natives and from bushrangers."

The land is suffering, too, as so many others are, from the pillage of the forests and over-cropping of the soil. Sometimes a "red rain" falls, which means that dust-bowl areas of Australia have been blown up into the air and crossed the 200 miles of the dividing strait.

But with all the natural hazards and man-made difficulties of a farmer's life, it is the only life Mrs. Graves wants. She is a keen observer of what goes on around her and a most readable setter-down of what she has observed. "I have learned that there are in nature 'memories of things deeper than sleep and death, and older than the orbit of the planets'."

UNDER THE SEA

Barney Crile is an American surgeon. He and his wife Jane have written a book called *Treasure Diving Holidays* (Collins, 18s.). At least, their two names appear on the title-page. But the whole of the first-person narrative is by Mrs. Crile.

Diving appears to have been a long-standing mania with the Criles. At first they invented their own apparatus: a box-shaped contraption which they wore over their heads, with air-tubes going up aloft. For their idea was not diving for its own sake, but diving in order to observe life in the sea and on the sea-bed.

They perfected their technique as the years passed, wearing "flippers" on their feet and light-weight face-masks; and as their children grew up they turned them into divers, too. This book is a record, splendidly illustrated, of the many holidays this diving family took, in the Mediterranean, on the American Pacific coast, but mainly in the islands east of the neck that joins the North of America to the South.

The "treasure" they dived for was not always the palpable treasure of ingots and pieces-of-eight, but rather the treasure of knowledge of the sea's ways and the ways of the creatures in it. All this is very well recorded, in both word and pictures. But there were times when the lure of old romantic tales of wrecked treasure-ships led them on, and if this intensified their fun it didn't add much to their profits. They succeeded in raising old cannon and coins and anchors and a miscellaneous collection of long-forgotten bric-à-brac; and had the satisfaction of correctly attributing some of their finds to historically attested wrecks. But the chief point of the book is its enthusiasm for a rather unusual way of spending holidays.

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L.T.-COL. J. K. Stanford has watched birds in many parts of the world, including Burma, where he was stationed for several years, but in *A Bewilderment of Birds*, illustrated with drawings by Commander A. M. Hughes (Rupert Hart-Davis, 18s.), he is at his best when describing the birds of the Suffolk he knew as a boy and visited again of recent years. The book is, in fact, a bird-watching autobiography, written with zest and a refreshing lack of hubris, and should be read by anyone who thinks it impossible to be a serious student of birds and retain one's senses of proportion and humour. The description of the expeditions that took place after the International Ornithological Congress held in Sweden four years ago in particular should be read as an antidote to the severities of the official account of the Congress. C.D.

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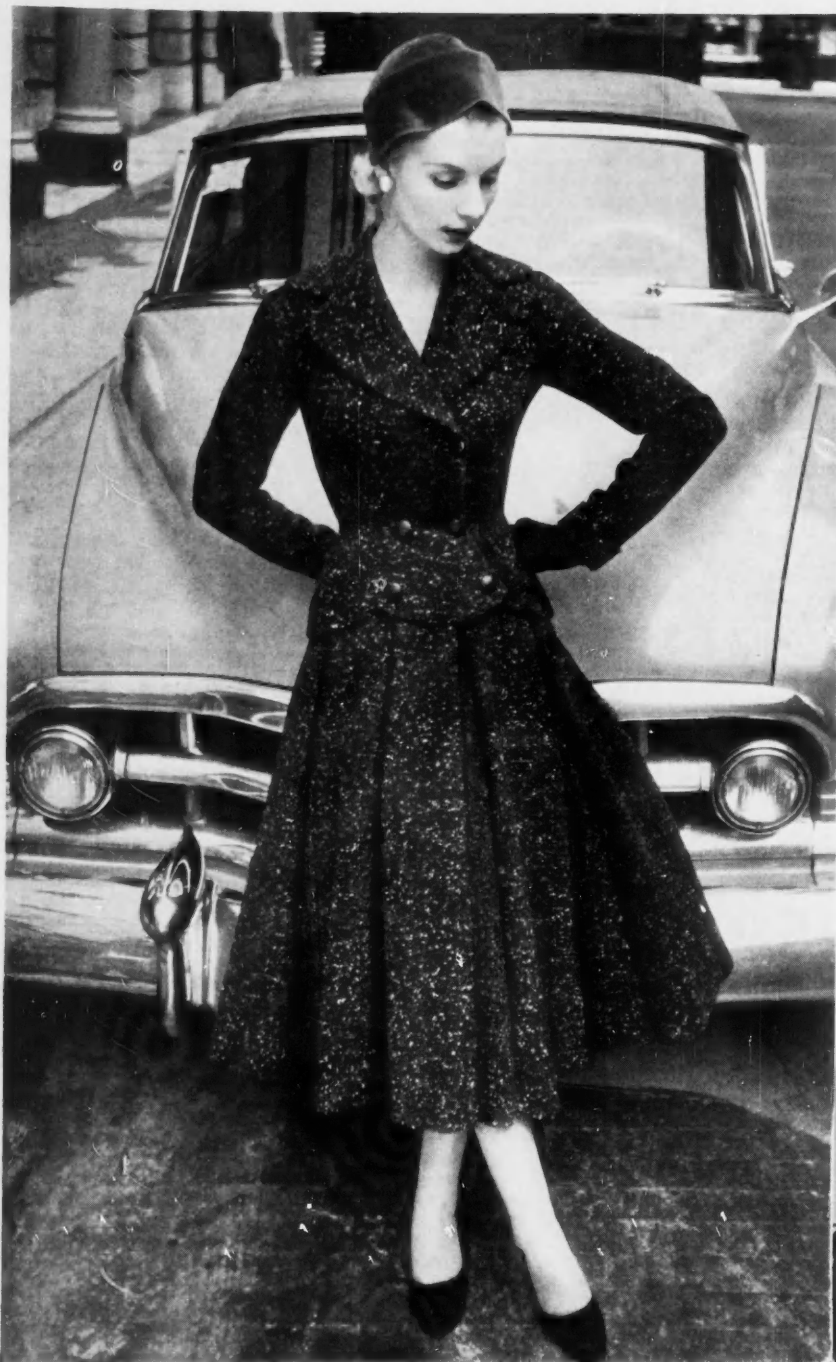
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COLLINS



Dark grey and white tweed with a scalloped edge to the jacket, a wide collar and revers. The soft skirt is all box-pleats that taper to the waist (Ronald Paterson)

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CERTAIN items from the recent dress shows have quickly established themselves as talking points—Hartnell's spectacular white outfit, a straight white fleecy coat collared with white ermine worn over a white wool lace sheath dress; Cavanagh's theatre coat in embossed gold brocade as stiff as a mediæval silk; Ronald Paterson's overcoat in black and white plaid facecloth, nine-tenths long, that is buckled up to the chin and has been bought for many big stores abroad; his wider skirts that break the main ruling. The draped triangular fur scarves of Stiebel that are looped over at the back of the neck finish his moulded silhouette to perfection. The theme colour, amber, presented by Hardy Amies is warm, subtle and luminous. Michael's clinging guipure lace dress in navy, just long enough to show the ankles with its butterfly winged stole in navy organza, has brought a new line for formal evenings. Mattli's way of pleating into diamonds is delightful, skilfully worked on a short-skirted satin dress in emerald green and on a wonderful wedding dress in white satin.

Contours of suits are less emphatic, with all lines fluid and supple. Angles are introduced in the tabs and strappings on basques and pockets, in the revers, collars and cuffs. The suit at Ronald Paterson's that he calls Hailstones in dark grey frosted with white with scalloped edge to the fronts is most becoming. A green tweed at Hardy Amies's has a jacket with a rounded basque; collar and revers are narrow and a lapped seam curves inwards from just below the shoulder to the bust. A blurred red brown tweed at Michael's has its collar buttoning on to the revers with points and the motif echoed on the pockets which adorn the narrow basque. Mattli's snug fitting jackets with broad bands laid across the basque at the back or a similar decoration in the front are often nicked at the hems and keep a clean

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This tweed is in blurred reds and browns. The basque dips at the back and is padded in front. The collar buttons on to the revers and the tab and button are repeated on the pockets (Michael)



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(Right) Tomato red bouclé tweed coat, the waist of which is faintly indicated. The set-in sleeves curve away below a dropped shoulder line, and a second seam runs along the top (Hardy Amies)

uncluttered line. His smooth black jacket, slightly longer than the others and double-breasted with a high fastening, is quite different again, very much in line with Paris.

The printed wool coats at Worth's in blends of two muted colours of about equal strength and simply cut on fitted lines with gores provide an elegant substitute for the velvet coats for formal afternoon occasions. Short jackets with fur collars and lined with fur or quilted silk hang straight or curve to a barrel shape and accompany elegant sheath dresses.

THE full-skirted cocktail dress, too becoming to be discarded, is being shown in velvet, taffeta and satin. Hardy Amies varies his bodice lines and décolletages in a dozen ways, emphasising the tiny waist. An amber satin with three-quarter sleeves and a pointed section rising from the waist and holding the folds of the bodice is charming; so is John Cavanagh's black velvet with a back of knife-pleated black paper taffeta. Ronald Paterson's dove-grey taffeta is draped across to one side below the waist. Another in fine taffeta is closely pleated into a panel front and back and has flat sides that are held out either side below the arms until at the hemline they make the skirt into almost a triangular shape, so acute is the angle from waist to hem.

A group of velvet dresses, beautifully shaped and untrimmed, are outstanding among the formal evening dresses. The skirts flow out at the

back into a train and the fronts fall straight. Worth showed one in black Lyons velvet with a simple flat fichu slipping off the top of the shoulders, a moulded bodice and waistline, a flowing skirt. John Cavanagh's blue was the blue of forget-me-nots and his skirt's fullness sprang from the hips at the back and then fell in rich folds to the floor.

Materials for the short evening dresses with their bell skirts have been magnificent in the extreme so that the skirts are held into a rigid shape by the encrustations of velvet or by the stiffly embossed patterns over stiffened foundations. In particular, the white ones are very lovely; a chalk white embossed taffeta, with a jade green folded taffeta bodice, a white lace re-embroidered with chenille and laid over silk, a white brocade embroidered with raised motifs in cord.

The tight day dresses have often been accompanied by loose wraps or capes of some kind. Michael makes a triangular cape in mink that can be worn also as a hood. John Cavanagh uses the Persian lamb that comes from South-West Africa for a short jacket having his scarab-shaped back. A giant muff in this same fur is used by Ronald Paterson, a triangular shape with a velvet bow holding folds at the apex.

Tiny little hats have been the rule. Particularly pretty out of the dozens shown are Vernier's caps made from four velvet leaves that just cover the crown of the head, and Mirman's tams which pull right down at the back and are pretty for all times of the day, in jersey or feather-light tweed with country clothes, in plain velvet or fur for town, in jewelled latticed velvet or sewn with flowers for cocktail time.

Fashion news is not confined to the couturier collections. Interesting golf styles have been sent to America as outfits for the British team competing in the Curtis Cup. These clothes have been designed by Teddy Tinling, in co-operation with manufacturers, in a scheme of sapphire blue, white and grey. The blazers in deep sapphire blue are traditional in cut with the colours embroidered on the pocket. Ballantyne cashmere cardigans of the straight type in white and a muted blue are embroidered on the pocket with a compact gay wreath of a rose, thistle, shamrock and daffodil. Three skirts are included, in grey worsted composed of 60 per cent. wool and 40 per cent. Terylene, in white Terylene, and in a rayon woven especially by Courtaulds that is in a faint white, grey and blue mixture in the authentic Prince of Wales check. This fabric is creaseless. The skirts are all straight; experts find that the wider pleated shape can be a hindrance. One skirt is a wrap-around cut, the other two have an inverted pleat in the centre back and they buckle at some point on the waistline. All three have large pockets, the check skirt with two either side bound with a darker blue and the other two with a large flat pocket on the right.

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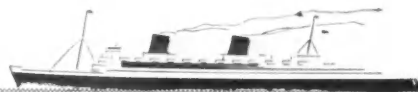
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